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To the Reader.

WHo is not ſenſible with ſorrow of the diſtractions of this age? To write books therefore may ſeem unſeaſonable, eſpecially in a time wherein the *Preſſe*, like an unruly horſe, hath caſt off his bridle of being *Licenſed*, and ſome ſerious books, which dare flie abroad, are hooted at by a flock of Pamphlets.

But be pleaſed to know that when I left my home, it was fair weather, and my journey was half paſt, before I diſcovered the tempeſt, and had gone ſo farre in this VVork, that I could neither go backward with credit, nor forward with comfort.

As for the matter of this Book, therein I am reſident on my Profeſsion; Holineſſe in the latitude thereof falling under the cognizanſe of a Divine. For curious method, expect none, Eſſays for the moſt part not being placed as at a *Feaſt*, but placing themſelves as at an *Ordinary*.

The characters I have conformed to the then

ſtanding Laws of the Realm, (a twelvemoneth agoe were they ſent to the preſſe) ſince which time the wiſdome of the King and State hath thought fitting to alter many things, and I expect the diſcretion of the Reader ſhould make his alterations accordingly. And I conjure thee by all Chriſtian ingenuity, that if lighting here on ſome paſſages, rather harſh-ſounding then ill-intended, to conſtrue the ſame by the generall drift and main ſcope which is aimed at.

Nor let it render the modeſtie of this Book ſuſpected, becauſe it preſumes to appear in company unmann'd by any Patron: If right, it will defend it ſelf; if wrong, none can defend it: Truth needs not, falſhood deſerves not a Supporter. And indeed the matter of this Work is too high for a ſubjects, the workmanſhip thereof too low for a Princes patronage.

And now I will turn my pen into prayer, That God would be pleaſed to diſcloud theſe gloomy dayes with the beams of his mercie: which if I may be ſo happy as to ſee, it will then encourage me to count it freedome to ſerve two apprentiſhips (God ſpinning out the thick thred of my life ſo long) in writing the Eccleſiaſticall Hiſtory from Chriſts time to our dayes, if I ſhall from remoter parts be ſo planted, as to enjoy the benefit of walking, and ſtanding Libraries, without which advan-

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tages the beſt vigilancie doth but vainly dream to undertake ſuch a task.

Mean time I will ſtop the leakage of my ſoul, and what heretofore hath run out in writing, ſhall hereafter (God willing) be improved in conſtant preaching, in what place ſoever Gods providence, and friends good will ſhall fix

Thine in all Chriſtian offices

THOMAS FULLER.

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THE FIRST BOOK.

CHAP. I.

The good Wife.

ST. PAUL to the Coloſsians chap. 3. verſ. 18. firſt adviſeth women to ſubmit themſelves to their husbands, and then counſelleth men to love their wives. And ſure it was fitting that women ſhould firſt have their leſſon given them, becauſe it is hardeſt to be learned, and therefore they need have the more time to conne it. For the ſame reaſon we firſt begin with the character of a good Wife.

Maxime 1

She commandeth her husband in any equall matter, by conſtant obeying him. It was alwayes obſerved, that what the Engliſh gained of the French in battel by valour, the French regained of the Engliſh by cunning in *Treaties: So if the husband ſhould chance by his power in his paſsion to prejudice his wives right, ſhe wiſely knoweth by compounding and complying to recover and rectifie it again.

** Comineus lib. 4. cap. 8. & Bodinus. De Repub. lib. 5. p. 782.*

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She never croſſeth her husband in the ſpring-tide of his anger, but ſtayes till it be ebbing-water. And then mildly ſhe argues the matter, not ſo much to condemn him, as to acquit her ſelf. Surely men, contrary to iron, are worſt

to be wrought upon when they are hot; and are farre more tractable in cold bloud. It is an obſervation of Seamen, * That if a ſingle meteor or fireball falls on their maſt, it portends ill luck; but if two come together (which they count Caſtor and Pollux) they preſage good ſucceſſe: But ſure in a family it bodeth moſt bad, when two firebals (husbands and wives anger) come both together.

* *Eraſmus Dial. in naufragio.*

3. *She keeps home if ſhe hath not her husbands company, or leave for her patent to go abroad:* For the houſe is the womans centre. It is written, Pſalm 104. 2. *The ſunne ariſeth, ---man goeth forth unto his work, and to his labour untill the evening:* but it is ſaid of the good woman, Prov. 31. 15. *She riſeth whiles it is yet night:* For man in the race of his work ſtarts from the riſing of the ſunne, becauſe his buſineſſe is without doores, and not to be done without the light of heaven: but the woman hath her work within the houſe, and therefore can make the ſunne riſe by lighting of a candle.

4. *Her clothes are rather comely then coſtly, and ſhe makes plain cloth to be velvet by her handſome wearing it.* She is none of our dainty dames, who love to appear in variety of ſutes every day new, as if a good gown, like a ſtratageme in warre, were to be uſed but once: But our good wife ſets up a ſail according to the keel of her husbands eſtate; and if of high parentage, ſhe doth not ſo remember what ſhe was by birth, that ſhe forgets what ſhe is by match.

5. *Arcana imperii (her husbands ſecrets) ſhe will not divulge.* Eſpecially ſhe is carefull to conceal his infirmities. If he be none of the wiſeſt, ſhe ſo orders it that he appears on the publick ſtage but ſeldome; and then he hath conn'd his part ſo well, that he comes off with great applauſe. If his *Forma informans* be but bad, ſhe provides him better *formas aſſiſtentes*, gets him wiſe ſervants and ſecretaries.

6. *In her husbands abſence ſhe is wife and deputy husband,* which

which makes her double the files of her diligence. At his return he finds all things ſo well, that he wonders to ſee himſelf at home when he was abroad.

7. *Her carriage is ſo modeſt, that ſhe dis-heartens wantons not onely to take but even to beſiege her chaſtity.* I confeſſe ſome deſperate men will hope any thing; yea, their ſhameleſſe boldneſſe will faſten on impoſsibilities, meaſuring other folks badneſſe by their own: yet ſeldome ſuch Salamanders, which live in the fire of luſt, dare approch, without ſeeing the ſmoke of wantonneſſe in looks, words, apparell, or behaviour. And though charity commands me to beleeve, that ſome women which hang out ſignes, notwithſtanding will not lodge ſtrangers; yet theſe mock-gueſts are guilty in tempting others to tempt them.

8. *In her husbands ſickneſſe ſhe feels more grief then ſhe ſhews.* Partly that ſhe may not dis-hearten him; and partly becauſe ſhe is not at leiſure to ſeem ſo ſorrowfull, that ſhe may be the more ſerviceable.

9. *Her children, though many in number, are none in noyſe, ſteering them with a look whither ſhe liſteth.* When they grow up, ſhe teacheth them not pride but painfulneſſe, making their hands to clothe their backs, and them to wear the livery of their own induſtry. She makes not her daughters Gentlewomen before they be women, rather teaching them what they ſhould pay to others, then receive from them.

10. *The heavieſt work of her ſervants ſhe maketh light, by orderly and ſeaſonable enjoyning it*: Wherefore her ſervice is counted a preferment, and her teaching better then her wages. Her maids follow the preſident of their miſtreſſe, live modeſtly at home. One askt a grave Gentlewoman, How her maids came by ſo good husbands, and yet ſeldome went abroad; *Oh,* ſaid ſhe, *good husbands come home to them.* So much for this ſubject: and what is defective in this deſcription ſhall be ſupplied by the pattern enſuing.

MONICA WIFE *of* Patricivs, *and Mother to* S^t Augustine. *She Died at* Ostia *in* Italye. *A^o Do* 389. *aged* 56 *yeares.* W. Marshall sculp:

Chap. 2.

The life of Monica.

Monica is better known by the branch of her issue, then root of her parentage, and was born in or nigh Tagasta in Africk. * Her parents, whose names we find not, were Christians, and carefull of her education, committing her to the breeding of an old maid in the house, who, though herself crooked with age, was excellent to straighten the manners of youth. She instructed her with holy severity, never allowing

* *August. confess. lib. 9. c. 8.*

allowing her to drink wine, or between meals. Having out-grown her tuition, she began by degrees to sip, and drink wine, lesser draughts like wedges widening her throat for greater, till at last (ill customes being not knockt, but insensibly scru'd into our souls) she could fetch off her whole ones. Now it happened that a young maid (formerly her partner in potting) fell at variance with her, and (as malice when she shoots draws her arrow to the head) called her Tos-pot, and drunkard; whereupon Monica reformed her self, and turned temperate. Thus bitter taunts sometime make wholesome Physick, when God sanctifies unto us the malice of our enemies to perform the office of good will.

After this was she married to Patricius, one of more honour then wealth, and as yet a pagan; wherein she brake S. Pauls precept, *To marry onely in the Lord.* Perchance then there was a dearth of husbands, or she did it by her parents importunity, or out of promise of his conversion: and the history herein being but lamely delivered us, it is charity to support it with the most favourable construction. He was of a stern nature, none more lamb when pleased, or lion when angry; and which is worse, his wild * affections did prey abroad, till she lured them home by her loving behaviour. Not like those wives who by their hideous outcries drive their wandring husbands farther out of the way.

* *August. confess. lib. 9. c. 9.*

Her own house was to her a house of correction, wherein her husbands mother was bitter unto her, having a quarrell not so much to her person as relation, because a daughter in law. Her servants, to climbe into the favour of their old mistresse, trampled on their young, they bringing tales, and the old woman belief; though the teeth of their malice did but file her innocency the brighter. Yea at last her mother in law, turning her compurgatour, caused her sonne to punish

thoſe maids which cauſeleſly had wronged their miſtreſſe.

When her neighbours, which had husbands of far milder diſpoſitions, would ſhew her their husbands cruelty legible in their faces, all her pitying was reproving them: and whereas they expected to be prayſed for their patience, ſhe condemned them for deſerving ſuch puniſhment. She never had blow from, or jarre with her husband, ſhe ſo ſuppled his hard nature with her obedience, and to her great comfort ſaw him converted to Chriſtianity before his death. Alſo ſhe ſaw Auguſtine her ſonne, formerly vitious in life, and erroneous in doctrine (whoſe ſoul ſhe bathd in her Tears) become a worthy Chriſtian, who coming to have his eares tickled, had his heart touched, and got Religion in to boot with the eloquence of S. Ambroſe. She ſurvived not long after her ſonnes converſion (God ſends his ſervants to bed when they have done their work) and her candle was put out, as ſoon as the day did dawn in S. Auguſtine.

Take an inſtance or two of her ſignall piety. There was a cuſtome in * Africk to bring pulſe bread and wine to the monuments of dead Saints, wherein Monica was as forward as any. But being better inſtructed that this cuſtome was of heatheniſh parentage, and that Religion was not ſo poore as to borrow rites from Pagans, ſhe inſtantly left off that ceremony: and as for pietie's ſake ſhe had done it thus long, ſo for pietie's ſake ſhe would do it no longer. How many old folks now adayes, whoſe beſt argument is uſe, would have flown in their faces, who ſhould ſtop them in the full career of an ancient cuſtome.

* *Auguſt. confeſſ. lib. 6. c. 2.*

There was one Licentius a novice-convert, who had got theſe words by the end, *Turn us again, O Lord God of hoſts: ſhow us the light of thy countenance and we ſhall be whole.* And (as it is the faſhion of many mens tongues to echo forth the laſt ſentence they learnt) he ſaid it in

in all places he went to. But Monica, over-hearing him to ſing it in the houſe of office, was * highly offended at him: becauſe holy things are to be ſuted to holy places; and the harmonie could not be ſweet where the ſong did jarre with the place. And although ſome may ſay, that a gracious heart conſecrateth every place into a Chapell; yet ſure though pious things are no where unfitting to be thought on, they may ſomewhere be improper to be uttered.

Drawing near her death, ſhe ſent moſt pious thoughts as harbingers to heaven, and her ſoul ſaw a glimpſe of happineſſe through the chincks of her ſickneſſe-broken body. She was ſo inflamed with zeal, that ſhe turned all objects into fewell to feed it. One day ſtanding with S. Auguſtine at an Eaſt-window, * ſhe raiſed her ſelf to conſider the light of Gods preſence, in reſpect whereof all corporall light is ſo farre from being match'd, it deſerves not to be mentioned. Thus mounted on heavenly meditations, and from that high pitch ſurveying earthly things, the great diſtance made them appear unto her like a little point, ſcarce to be ſeen, and leſſe to be reſpected.

She died at Oſtia in Italy in the fiftie ſixth yeare of her age, Auguſtine cloſing her eyes, when through grief he had ſcarce any himſelf.

* *Auguſt. lib. 1. De ordine, c. 8.*

* *Auguſt. confeſſ. lib. 9. c. 10.*

Chap. 3.

The good Husband.

HAving formerly described a good Wife, she will make a good Husband, whose character we are now to present.

Maxime 1 *His love to his Wife weakeneth not his ruling her, and his ruling lesseneth not his loving her.* Wherefore he avoideth all fondnesse, (a sick love, to be praised in none, and pardoned onely in the newly married) whereby more have wilfully betrayed their command, then ever lost it by their wives rebellion. Methinks the he-viper is right enough served, which (as * Pliny reports) puts his head into the she-vipers mouth, and she bites it off. And what wonder is it if women take the rule to themselves, which their uxorious husbands first surrender unto them?

* *Plin. Nat. hist. lib.* 10. *cap.* 62.

2 *He is constant to his Wife, and confident of her.* And sure where jealousie is the Jailour, many break the prison, it opening more wayes to wickednesse then it stoppeth; so that where it findeth one, it maketh ten dishonest.

3 *He alloweth her meet maintenance, but measures it by his own estate:* nor will he give lesse, nor can she ask more. Which allowance, if shorter then her deserts and his desire, he lengtheneth it out with his courteous carriage unto her; chiefly in her sickness, then not so much word-pitying her, as providing necessaries for her.

4 *That she may not intrench on his prerogative, he maintains her propriety in feminine affairs:* yea, therein he follows her advice: For the soul of a man is planted so high, that he overshoots such low matter as lie levell to a womans eye, and therefore her counsell therein may better hit the mark. Causes that are properly of feminine cognizance he suffers her finally to decide, not so much as per-

permitting an appeal to himself, that their jurisdictions may not interfere. He will not countenance a stubborn servant against her, but in her maintains his own Authority. Such husbands as bait the mistris with her maids, and clap their hands at the sport, will have cause to wring them afterwards.

5 *Knowing she is the weaker vessell he bears with her infirmities.* All hard using of her he detests, desiring therein to do not what may be lawfull, but fitting. And grant her to be of a servile nature, such as may be bettered by beating; yet he remembers he hath enfranchised her by marrying her. On her wedding-day she was like S. Paul free born, and priviledged from any servile punishment.

6 *He is carefull that the wounds betwixt them take not ayre, and be publickly known.* Jarres conceald are half reconciled; which if generally known, 'tis a double task to stop the breach at home, and mens mouths abroad. To this end he never publickly reproves her. An open reproof puts her to do penance before all that are present, after which many rather study revenge then reformation.

7 *He keeps her in the wholsome ignorance of unnecessary secrets.* They will not be starved with the ignorance, who perchance may surfet with the knowledge of weighty Counsels, too heavy for the weaker sex to bear. He knows little, who will tell his wife all he knows.

8 *He beats not his wife after his death.* One having a shrewd wife, yet loth to use her hardly in his life time, awed her with telling her that he would beat her when he was dead, meaning that he would leave her no maintenance. This humour is unworthy a worthy man, who will endeavour to provide her a competent estate: yet he that impoverisheth his children to enrich his widow, destroyes a quick hedge to make a dead one.

Chap. 4.

The life of Abraham.

I Intend not to range over all his life as he ſtands threeſquare in relation, Husband, Father, Maſter. We will onely ſurvey and meaſure his conjugall ſide, which reſpecteth his wife.

We reade not that ever he upbraided her for her barrenneſſe, as knowing that naturall defects are not the creatures fault, but the Creatours pleaſure: all which time his love was loyall to her alone. As for his going in to Hagar, it was done not onely with the conſent but by the advice of Sarah, who was ſo ambitious of children ſhe would be made a mother by a proxie. He was not jealous of her (though a grand beauty) in what company ſoever he came. Indeed he feared the Egyptians, becauſe the Egyptians feared not God; ſuſpecting rather them of force, then her of falſeneſſe, and beleeving that ſooner they might kill him, then corrupt her.

Yet (as well as he loved her) he expected ſhe ſhould do work fit for her calling. *Make ready quickly three meaſures of meal and knead it.* Well may Sarah be cook, where Abraham was caterer, yea where God was gueſt. The print of her fingers ſtill remain in the meal, and of crumbling dow ſhe hath made a laſting monument of her good houſwifry.

Being falſely indited by his wife, he never travers'd the bill, but compounded with her on her own terms. The caſe this. Hagar being with child by Abraham, her pride ſweld with her belly, and deſpiſeth her miſtreſſe: Sarah, laying her action wrong, ſues Abraham for her maids fault, and appeals to God. I ſee the Plaintiff hath not alwayes the beſt cauſe; nor are they moſt guilty which are moſt blamed. However Abraham paſſes by her peeviſhneſſe, and remits his maid to

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ſtand or fall to her own miſtreſſe. Though he had a great part in Hagar, he would have none in Hagars rebellion. Maſters which protect their faulty ſervants hinder the proceeding of juſtice in a family.

He did denie himſelf to grant his wives will in a matter of great conſequence. Sarah deſired, *Caſt out this bondwoman and her ſonne.* Oh hard word! She might as well have ſaid, Caſt out of thy ſelf nature and naturall affection. See how Abraham ſtruggles with Abraham, the Father in him ſtriving with the Husband in him, till God moderated with his caſting-voyce, and Abraham was contented to hearken to the counſel of his wife.

Being to ſacrifice Iſaac, we find not that he made Sarah privie to his project. To tell her, had been to torture her, fearing her affections might be too ſtrong for her faith. Some ſecrets are to be kept from the weaker ſex; not alwayes out of a diſtruſt, leſt they hurt the counſel by telling it, but leſt the counſel hurt them by keeping it.

The deareſt Husband cannot bail his wife when death arreſts her. Sarah dies, and Abraham weeps. Tears are a tribute due to the dead. 'Tis fitting that the body when it's ſown in corruption ſhould be watered by thoſe that plant it in the earth. The Hittites make him a fair offer, *In the chiefeſt of our ſepulchres bury thy dead*: But he thinks the beſt of them too bad for his Sarah. Her chaſt aſhes did love to lie alone; he provides her a virgin tombe in the cave of Machpelah, where her corps ſweetly ſleep till he himſelf came to bed to her, and was buried in the ſame grave.

Chap. 5.

The good Parent.

HE beginneth his care for his children not at their birth but conception, giving them to God to be, if not (as * Hannah did) his Chaplains, at leaſt his Servants. This care he continueth till the day of his death, in their Infancy, Youth, and Mans eſtate. In all which,

* 1. Sam. 1. 11.

Maxime 1. *He ſheweth them in his own practice what to follow and imitate; and in others, what to ſhun and avoid.* For though *The words of the wiſe be as* * *nayles faſtened by the maſters of the Aſſemblies,* yet ſure their examples are the hammer to drive them in to take the deeper hold. A father that whipt his ſonne for ſwearing, and ſwore himſelf whileſt he whipt him, did more harm by his example then good by his correction.

* Eccles 12. 11.

2. *He doth not welcome and imbrace the firſt eſſayes of ſinne in his children.* Weeds are counted herbs in the beginning of the ſpring: nettles are put in pottage, and ſallads are made of eldern-buds. Thus fond fathers like the oathes and wanton talk of their little children, and pleaſe themſelves to heare them diſpleaſe God. But our wiſe Parent both inſtructs his children in Piety, and with correction blaſts the firſt buds of profaneneſſe in them. He that will not uſe the rod on his child, his child ſhall be uſed as a rod on him.

3. *He obſerveth* * *Gavel-kind in dividing his affections, though not his eſtate.* He loves them (though leaves them not) all alike. Indeed his main land he ſettles on the eldeſt: for where man takes away the birth-right, God commonly takes away the bleſsing from a family. But as for his love, therein, like a well-drawn picture, he eyes all his children alike (if there be a parity of deſerts) not parching one to drown another. Did not that mother ſhew little wit in her great partiality, to whom

* *Gives each child a part,* Verſteg. *Of decayed intell.* cap. 3.

whom when her neglected ſonne complained that his brother (her darling) had hit and hurt him with a ſtone, whipt him onely for ſtanding in the way where the ſtone went which his brother caſt? This partiality is tyrannie, when Parents deſpiſe thoſe that are deformed, enough to break them whom God had bowed before.

He allows his children maintenance according to their quality: Otherwiſe it will make them baſe, acquaint them with bad company and ſharking tricks; and it makes them ſurfet the ſooner when they come to their eſtates. It is obſerved of camels, that having travelled long without water through ſandy deſerts, * *Implentur cum bibendi eſt occaſio & in præteritum & in futurum*: and ſo theſe thirſty heirs ſoak it when they come to their means, who whileſt their fathers were living might not touch the top of his money, and think they ſhall never feel the bottom of it when they are dead. 4

* *Plin. Nat. Hiſt. lib. 8. c. 18.*

In chooſing a profeſſion he is directed by his childs diſpoſition: whoſe inclination is the ſtrongeſt indenture to bind him to a trade. But when they ſet Abel to till the ground, and ſend Cain to keep ſheep; Jacob to hunt, and Eſau to live in tents; drive ſome to ſchool, and others from it; they commit a rape on nature, and it will thrive accordingly. Yet he humours not his child when he makes an unworthy choice beneath himſelf, or rather for eaſe then uſe, pleaſure then profit. 5

If his ſonne prove wild he doth not caſt him off ſo farre, but he marks the place where he lights. With the mother of Moſes, he doth not ſuffer his ſonne ſo to ſink or ſwim, but he leaves one to * ſtand afarre off to watch what will become of him. He is carefull whileſt he quencheth his luxury, not withall to put out his life. The rather, becauſe their ſouls, who have broken and run out in their youth, have proved the more healthfull for it afterwards. 6

* Exod. 2. 4.

He moves him to marriage rather by arguments drawn from his 7

his good, then his own authority. It is a ſtyle too Princely for a Parent herein, To will and command, but ſure he may will and deſire. Affections like the conſcience are rather to be led then drawn; and 'tis to be feared, They that marry where they do not love, will love where they do not marry.

8 *He doth not give away his loaf to his children, and then come to them for a piece of bread.* He holds the reins (though looſely) in his own hands, and keeps to reward duty, and puniſh undutifulneſſe; yet on good occaſion for his childrens advancement he will depart from part of his means. Baſe is their nature who will not have their branches lopt, till their bodie be fell'd; and will let go none of their goods, as if it preſaged their ſpeedy death: whereas it doth not follow that he that puts off his cloke muſt preſently go to bed.

9 *On his death-bed he bequeaths his bleſsing to all his children:* Nor rejoyceth he ſo much to leave them great portions, as honeſtly obtained. Onely money well and lawfully gotten is good and lawfull money. And if he leaves his children young, he principally nominates God to be their Guardian, and next him is carefull to appoint provident overſeers.

Chap. 6.

The good Child.

Maxime 1. *He reverenceth the perſon of his Parent though old, poore, and froward.* As his Parent bare with him when a child, he bears with his Parent if twice a child: nor doth his dignity above him, cancell his duty unto him. When *Sr. Thomas More was Lord Chancellour of England, and Sr. John his father one of the Judges of the Kings-Bench, he would in Weſtminſter-Hall beg his bleſsing of him on his knees.

* *Stapleton. in vita* Tho. Mori, *cap.* 1.

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2 *He obſerves his lawfull commands, and practiſeth his precepts with all obedience.* I cannot therefore excuſe S. Barbara from undutifulneſſe, and occaſioning her own death. The matter this. Her father being a pagan commanded his workmen building his houſe, to make two windows in a room: Barbara, knowing her fathers pleaſure, in his abſence injoyned them to make* three, that ſeeing them ſhe might the better contemplate the myſtery of the holy Trinity. (Methinks two windows might as well have raiſed her meditations, and the light ariſing from both, would as properly have minded her of the Holy Spirit proceding from the Father and the Sonne.) Her father enraged at his return, thus came to the knowledge of her religion, and accuſed her to the magiſtrate, which coſt her her life.

* *Alphonſ. Villeg. in the life of Barbara on the 4. of Decemb.*

3 *Having practiſed them himſelf, he entayls his Parents precepts on his poſterity.* Therefore ſuch inſtructions are by Solomon, Proverbs 1. 9. compared to frontlets and chains (not to a ſute of clothes, which ſerves but one, and quickly weares out, or out of faſhion) which have in them a reall laſting worth, and are bequeathed as legacies to another age. The ſame counſels obſerved are chains to grace, which neglected prove halters to ſtrangle undutifull children.

4 *He is patient under correction, and thankfull after it.* When Mr. Weſt, formerly Tutour (ſuch I count *in loco parentis*) to Dr. Whitaker, was by him, then *Regius Profeſſor*, created Doctour, Whitaker ſolemnly gave him thanks before the Univerſity for giving him correction when his young ſcholar.

5 *In marriage he firſt and laſt conſults with his father*: when propounded, when concluded. He beſt bowls at the mark of his own contentment, who beſides the aim of his own eye, is directed by his father, who is to give him the ground.

6 *He is a ſtork to his parent, and feeds him in his old age.* Not onely if his father hath been a pelican, but though he

he hath been an eſtridge unto him, and neglected him in his youth. He confines him not a long way off to a ſhort penſion, forfeited if he comes in his preſence; but ſhews piety at home, and learns (as S. Paul ſaith the 1. Timothy. 5. 4.) to requite his Parent. And yet the debt (I mean onely the principall, not counting the intereſt) cannot fully be paid, and therefore he compounds with his father to accept in good worth the utmoſt of his endeavour.

7 *Such a child God commonly rewards with long life in this world.* If he chance to die young, yet he lives long that lives well; and time miſpent is not lived but loſt. Beſides, God is better then his promiſe, if he takes from him a long leaſe, and gives him a free-hold of better value. As for diſobedient children,

8 *If preſerved from the gallows, they are reſerved for the rack, to be tortured by their own poſterity.* One complained, that never father had ſo undutifull a child as he had. Yes, ſaid his ſonne, with leſſe grace then truth, my grandfather had.

I conclude this ſubject with the example of a Pagans ſonne, which will ſhame moſt Chriſtians. Pomponius * Atticus, making the funerall oration at the death of his mother, did proteſt that living with her threeſcore and ſeven years, he was never reconciled unto her, *Se nunquam cum matre in gratiam rediiſſe*; becauſe (take the comment with the text) there never happened betwixt them the leaſt jarre which needed reconciliation.

* *In vita Attici in fine Epiſt. ad Attic.*

CHAP. 7.

Chap. 7.

The good Maſter.

HE is the heart in the midſt of his houſhold, *primum vivens et ultimum moriens*, firſt up and laſt a-bed, if not in his perſon yet in his providence. In his carriage he aimeth at his own and his ſervants good, and to advance both.

Maxime 1

He overſees the works of his ſervants. One ſaid *that the duſt that fell from the maſters ſhooes was the beſt compoſt to manure ground.* The lion * out of ſtate will not run whilſt any one looks upon him, but ſome ſervants out of ſlothfulneſſe will not run except ſome do look upon them, ſpurr'd on with their Maſters eye. Chiefly he is carefull exactly to take his ſervants reckonings. If their Maſter takes no account of them, they will make ſmall account of him, and care not what they ſpend who are never brought to an audit.

* *Plin. nat. Hiſt. lib. 8. cap 16.*

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He provides them victualls, wholſome, ſufficient and ſeaſonable. He doth not ſo allay his ſervants bread to debaſe it ſo much as to make that ſervants meat which is not mans meat. He alloweth them alſo convenient reſt and recreation, whereas ſome Maſters, like a bad conſcience, will not ſuffer them to ſleep that have them. He remembers the old law of the Saxon King Ina, * *If a villain work on Sunday by his lords command, he ſhall be free.*

* *S. H. Spilman in conciliis, An. ch. 692. pag. 188.*

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The wages he contracts for he duly and truly payes to his ſervants. The ſame word in the Greek ἰὸς ſignifies *ruſt* and *poyſon*: and ſome ſtrong poyſon is made of the ruſt of mettalls, but none more venemous then the ruſt of money in the rich mans purſe unjuſtly detained from the labourer, which will poyſon and infect his whole eſtate.

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*He never threatens * his ſervant but rather preſently corrects him.* Indeed conditionall threatnings with promiſe of pardon on amendment are good and uſefull. Abſolute

* *Epheſ. 6. 9.*

threatnings torment more, reform leſſe, making ſervants keep their faults, and forſake their Maſters: wherefore herein he never paſſeth his word, but makes preſent paiment, leſt the creditour runne away from the debtour.

5 *In correcting his ſervant, he becomes not a ſlave to his own paſsion.* Not cruelly making new indentures of the fleſh of his apprentice. To this end he never beats him in the height of his paſsion. Moſes being to fetch water out of the rock, and commanded by God onely to ſpeak to it with his rod in his hand, being tranſported with anger ſmote it thrice. Thus ſome Maſters, which might fetch penitent tears from their ſervants with a chiding word (onely ſhaking the rod withall for terrour) in their fury ſtrike many blows which might better be ſpared. If he perceives his ſervant incorrigible, ſo that he cannot waſh the black-moore, he waſheth his hands of him, and fairly puts him away.

6 *He is tender of his ſervant in his ſickneſſe and age.* If crippled in his ſervice, his houſe is his hoſpitall: yet how many throw away thoſe dry bones out of the which themſelves have ſuckt the marrow? It is as uſuall to ſee a young ſerving-man an old beggar, as to ſee a light-horſe firſt frō the great ſaddle of a Nobleman to come to the hackney-coach, and at laſt die in drawing a carre. But the good Maſter is not like the cruell hunter in the fable, who beat his old dogge becauſe his toothleſſe mouth let go the game; he rather imitates the noble nature of our Prince Henrie, who took order for the keeping of an * old Engliſh maſtiffe which had made a Lion runne away. Good reaſon good ſervice in age ſhould be rewarded. Who can without pity and pleaſure behold that truſty veſſell which carried Sr. Francis Drake about the world.

*Hows continuat. of Stows Chron. pag. 836.

Hitherto our diſcourſe hath proceeded of the carriage of Maſters towards free covenant ſervants, not intermedling with their behaviour towards ſlaves & vaſſals, whereof

whereof we onely report this paſſage: When Charles the fifth Emperour returning with his fleet from Algier was extremely beaten with a tempeſt, and their ſhips overloaden, he cauſed them to caſt their beſt horſes into the ſea to ſave the life of many *ſlaves, which according to the market price was not ſo much worth. Are there not many that in ſuch a caſe had rather ſave Jack the horſe then Jocky the keeper. And yet thoſe who firſt called England *the Purgatory of ſervants*, ſure did us much wrong: Purgatory it ſelf being as falſe in the application to us, as in the doctrine thereof; ſervants with us living generally on as good conditions as in any other countrey. And well may maſters conſider how eaſie a tranſpoſition it had been for God, to have made him to mount into the ſaddle that holds the ſtirrop; and him to ſit down at the table, who ſtands by with a trencher.

* *Pantaleon part. 3. De illuſt. Germ. & alii autores.*

Chap. 8.

The good Servant.

HE is one that out of conſcience ſerves God in his Maſter, and ſo hath the principle of obedience in himſelf. As for thoſe ſervants who found their obedience on ſome externall thing, with engines, they will go no longer then they are wound, or weighed up.

He doth not diſpute his Maſters lawfull will, but doeth it. *Maxime* 1
Hence it is that ſimple ſervants (underſtand ſuch whoſe capacity is bare meaſure, without ſurpluſage equall to the buſines he is uſed in) are more uſefull, becauſe more manageable, then abler men, eſpecially in matters wherein not their brains but hands are required. Yet if his Maſter out of want of experience injoyns him to do what is hurtfull, and prejudiciall

to his own eſtate, duty herein makes him undutifull (if not to deny, to demurre in his performance) and chuſing rather to diſpleaſe then hurt his maſter, he humbly repreſents his reaſons to the contrary.

2 *He loves to go about his buſines with cheerfulneſſe.* One ſaid, *He loved to heare his carter though not his cart to ſing. God loveth a cheerfull giver;* and Chriſt reproved the Phariſees for disfiguring their faces with a ſad countenance. Fools! who to perſwade men that Angels lodged in their hearts, hung out a devil for a ſigne in their faces. Sure cheerfulneſſe in doing renders a deed more acceptable. Not like thoſe ſervants, who doing their work unwillingly, their looks do enter a proteſtation againſt what their hands are doing.

3 *He diſpatcheth his buſines with quicknes and expedition.* Hence the ſame Engliſh word *Speed* ſignifies celerity, and ſucceſſe; the former in buſineſſe of execution cauſing the latter. Indeed haſte and raſhneſſe are ſtorms and tempeſts, breaking and wrecking buſineſſe; but nimbleneſſe is a fair full wind, blowing it with ſpeed to the haven. As he is good at hand, ſo is he good at length, continually and conſtantly carefull in his ſervice. Many ſervants, as if they had learnd the nature of the beſoms they uſe, are good for a few dayes, and afterwards grow unſerviceable.

4 *He diſpoſeth not of his maſters goods without his privity or conſent*: no not in the ſmalleſt matters. Open this wicket, and it will be in vain for maſters to ſhut the doore. If ſervants preſume to diſpoſe ſmall things without their maſters allowance (beſides that many little leaks may ſink a ſhip) this will widen their conſciences to give away greater. But though he hath not alwayes a particular leave, he hath a generall grant, and a warrant dormant from his maſter to give an almes to the poore in his abſence, if in abſolute neceſsity.

5 *His anſwers to his maſter are true, direct, and dutifull.* If a dumbe devil poſſeſſeth a ſervant, a winding cane is the fitteſt

fitteſt circle, and the maſter the exorciſt to drive it out. Some ſervants are ſo talkative, one may as well command the echo as them not to ſpeak laſt, and then they count themſelves conquerours, becauſe laſt they leave the field. Others, though they ſeem to yield and go away, yet with the flying Parthians ſhoot backward over their ſhoulders, and dart bitter taunts at their maſters; yea, though with the clock they have given the laſt ſtroke, yet they keep a jarring, muttering to themſelves a good while after.

6 *Juſt correction he bears patiently, and unjuſt he takes cheerfully*; knowing that ſtripes unjuſtly given more hurt the maſter then the man: and the Logick maxime is verified, *Agens agendo repatitur*, the ſmart moſt lights on the ſtriker. Chiefly he diſdains the baſeneſſe of running away.

7 *Becauſe charity is ſo cold, his induſtry is the hotter to provide ſomething for himſelf, whereby he may be maintained in his old age.* If under his maſter he trades for himſelf (as an apprentice may do if he hath* covenanted ſo before-hand) he provides good bounds and ſufficient fences betwixt his own and his maſters eſtate (*Jacob* Gen. 30. 36. *ſet his flock three dayes journey from Labans*) that no quarrell may ariſe about their proprietie, nor ſuſpicion that his remnant hath eaten up his maſters whole cloth.

* *Bracton, lib. 5. tract. 2. cap. 3. num. 7.*

Chap. 9.

The life of Eliezer.

Eliezer was Steward of Abrahams houſhold, Lieutenant generall over the army of his ſervants, ruler over all his Maſter had: the confidence in his loyalty, cauſing the largeneſſe of his commiſsion.

But as for thoſe who make him the founder of Damaſcus, on no other evidence but becauſe he is called *Eliezer of Damaſcus*, they build a great city on too narrow a foundation. It argues his goodneſſe that Abraham, if dying without a ſonne, intended him his heir (a kinſman in grace is neareſt by the ſureſt ſide) till Iſaac ſtepping in ſtopt out Eliezer, and reverſt thoſe reſolutions.

The Scripture preſents us with a remarkable preſident of * his piety, in a matter of great moment: Abraham, being to ſend him into Meſopotamia, cauſed him to ſwear that he would faithfully fetch Iſaac a wife from his own kinred. Eliezer demurr'd awhile before he would ſwear, carefully ſurveying the latitude of the oath, leſt ſome unſeen ambuſhes therein ſhould ſurpriſe his conſcience. The moſt ſcrupulous to take an oath will be the moſt carefull to perform it, whereas thoſe that ſwear it blindly will do it lamely. He objects, *Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me.* At laſt being ſatisfied in this quære, he takes the oath: as no honeſt man which means to pay, will refuſe to give his bond if lawfully required.

He takes ten camells (then the coaches of the Eaſt-countrey) with ſervants and all things in good equipage, to ſhew a ſample of his Maſters greatneſſe; and being a ſtranger in the countrey asked direction of him who beſt knew the way, God himſelf. If any object that his craving of a ſigne was a ſigne of infidelity, and unmannerly boldneſſe to confine God to particulars; yet

* *That the nameleſſe ſervant, Gen. 24 was this Eliezer Abrahams ſteward, is the opinion of Luther in his comment on that chapter, Rivet on the ſame,* Exercit. 111. *with many others.*

yet perchance Gods ſpirit prompted him to make the requeſt, who ſometimes moves men to ask what he is minded to give, and his petition ſeemeth juſt becauſe granted.

Rebecca meets him at the well. The lines drawn from every part of the ſigne required centre themſelves in her. *Drink my Lord*, ſaid ſhe, *and I will draw water for thy camells*. Her words Propheſie that ſhe will be a good houſewife, and a good houſekeeper. Eliezers eyes are dazeled with the beams of Gods providence: Her drawing of water drew more wonder from him; and the more he drinks of her pitcher, the more he is athirſt to know the iſſue of the matter. He queſtions her of her parentage, and finds all his myſticall expectation hiſtorically expounded in her. Then he bowed down his head, and did homage to Gods providence, bleſſing him for his protection. Many favours which God giveth us ravell out for want of hemming, through our own unthankfulneſſe: for though prayer purchaſeth bleſſings, giving praiſe doth keep the quiet poſſeſſion of them.

Being come into the houſe, his firſt care is for his cattell, whoſe dumbeneſſe is oratory to a conſcientious man; and he that will not be merciſull to his beaſt, is a beaſt himſelf. Then preferring his meſſage before his meat, he empties his mind before he fills his body. No dainties could be digeſted, whilſt his errand like a crudity lay on his ſtomach.

In delivering his meſſage, firſt he reads his commiſſion, I am Abrahams ſervant; then he reports the fulneſſe of his Maſters wealth without any hyperboles. How many, employed in ſuch a matter, would have made mountains of gold of molehills of ſilver? not ſo Eliezer, reporting the bare truth; and a good eſtate if told, commends it ſelf. As plain alſo is his narration of the paſſages of Gods providence, the artificialneſſe whereof beſt appeard in his naturall relation. Then concludes

concludes he, with desiring a direct answer to his motion.

The matter was soon transacted betwixt them; for seeing that heaven did ask the banes, why should earth forbid them? onely her friends desire Rebecca should stay ten dayes with them, which Eliezer would not yield to. He would speedily finish that bargain whereof God had given the happy earnest; and because blest hitherto, make more haste hereafter. If in a dark businesse we perceive God to guide us by the lantern of his providence, it is good to follow the light close, lest we lose it by our lagging behind. He will not truant it now in the afternoon, but with convenient speed returns to Abraham, who onely was worthy of such a Servant, who onely was worthy of such a Master.

Chap. 10.

The good Widow.

She is a woman whose head hath been quite cut off, and yet she liveth, and hath the second part of virginity. Conceive her to have buried her Husband decently according to his quality and condition, and let us see how she behaves her self afterwards.

Maxime 1 *Her grief for her Husband though reall, is moderate.* Excessive was the sorrow of King Richard the second beseeming him neither as king, man, or Christian, who so fervently loved Anna of Bohemia his Queen, that when she dyed at Shean in Surrey, he both cursed the place, and also out of madnesse * overthrew the whole house.

* *weaver fun. monum. p. 473. out of Stows Annals.*

But our Widows sorrow is no storm but a still rain. Indeed some foolishly discharge the surplusage of their passions on themselves, tearing their hair, so that their

2 friends

friends coming to the funerall, know not which moſt to bemoan the dead husband, or the dying widow. Yet commonly it comes to paſſe, that ſuch widows grief is quickly emptyed, which ſtreameth out at ſo large a vent; whileſt their tears that but drop, will hold running a long time.

3 *She continues a competent time in her Widows eſtate.* Anciently they were, at leaſt, to live out their *annum luctus*, their yeare of ſorrow. But as ſome * erroneouſly compute the long lives of the Patriarks before the flood not by ſolary, but lunary years, making a moneth a yeare: ſo many overhaſty widows cut their yeare of mourning very ſhort, and within few weeks make poſt ſpeed to a ſecond marriage.

* *vid. Auguſt. de civitat. Dei lib. 15. cap. 12.*

4 *She doth not onely live ſole and ſingle, but chaſte and honeſt.* We know peſthouſes alwayes ſtand alone, and yet are full of infectious diſeaſes. Solitarineſſe is not an infallible argument of ſanctity: and it is not enough to be unmarried, but to be undefiled.

5 *Though going abroad ſometimes about her buſineſſe, ſhe never makes it her buſineſſe to go abroad.* Indeed *man goeth forth to his labour*, and a widow in civill affairs is often forced to act a double part of man and woman, and muſt go abroad to ſolicite her buſineſſe in perſon, what ſhe cannot do by the proxie of her friends. Yet even then ſhe is moſt carefull of her credit, and tender of her modeſty, not impudently thruſting into the ſociety of men. Oh 'tis improper for tinder to ſtrike fire, and for their ſexe which are to be ſued to, firſt to intrude, and offer their companie.

6 *She loves to look on her husbands picture, in the children he hath left her*: not fooliſhly fond over them for their fathers ſake (this were to kill them in honour of the dead) but giveth them carefull education. Her husbands friends are ever her welcomeſt gueſts, whom ſhe entertaineth with her beſt cheer, and with honourable mention of their friends, and her husbands memorie.

7 *If she can speak little good of him, she speaks but little of him.* So handsomely folding up her discourse, that his virtues are shown outwards, and his vices wrapped up in silence, as counting it Barbarisme to throw dirt on his memorie who hath moulds cast on his body. She is a champion for his credit if any speak against him. Foolish is their project who by raking up bad savour against their former husbands think thereby to perfume their bed for a second marriage.

8 *She putteth her especiall confidence in Gods providence.* Surely if he be *a father to the fatherlesse*, it must needs follow that he is an husband to the widow. And therefore she seeks to gain and keep his love unto her, by her constant prayer and religious life.

9 *She will not morgage her first husbands pawns, thereby to purchase the good will of a second.* If she marrieth (for which she hath the Apostles licence, not to say mandate, *I will that the younger widows marry*) she will not abridge her children of that which justly belongs unto them. Surely a broken faith to the former is but a weak foundation to build thereon a loyall affection to a latter love. Yet if she becomes a mother in law, there is no difference betwixt her carriage to her own and her second husbands children, save that she is severest to her own, over whom she hath the sole jurisdiction. And if her second husbands children by a former wife commit a fault, she had rather bind them over to answer for it before their own father, then to correct them her self, to avoid all suspicion of hard using of them.

CHAP. 11.

PAVLA *Widdow of* Toxotius, *and Mother to* Evstochium. *She Died at Bethlehem, An° dom* 404 *Aged* 56 *yeares* 8 *moneths* 21 *dayes.*
W. M. *sculp.*

CHAP. II.

The life of the Lady PAULA.

WHat? (will ſome ſay) having a wood of widows of upright converſation, muſt you needs gather one crooked with ſuperſtition to be pattern to all the reſt? muſt Paula be their preſident? whoſe life was a very maſſe-book, ſo that if every point of popery were loſt, they might be found in her practice.

Nothing leſſe. Indeed Paula lived in an age which was, as I may ſay, in the knuckle and bending betwixt

the primitive times and ſuperſtition, popery being then a hatching, but farre from being fledg'd. Yea no Papiſt (though picking out here and there ſome paſſages which make to his purpoſe) will make her practice in groſſe the ſquare of his own: for where ſhe embraces ſome ſuperſtitions with her left hand, ſhe thruſts away more with her right. I have therefore principally made choice to write her life, that I may acquaint both my ſelf and the reader with the garb of that age in Church-matters, wherein were many remarkable paſſages, otherwiſe I might and would have taken a farre fitter example.

I know two trades together are too much for one man to thrive upon, and too much it is for me to be an Hiſtorian and a Critick, to relate and to judge: yet ſince Paula, though a gratious woman, was guilty of ſome great errours, give me leave to hold a pencil in one hand, and a ſpunge in the other, both to draw her life and daſh it where it is faultie. And let us that live in purer times be thankfull to God for our light, and uſe our quicker ſight to guide our feet in Gods paths, leſt we reel from one extremitie to another.

To come to the Lady Paula's birth: the Nobleſt blood in the world by a confluence ran in her veins. I muſt confeſſe the moſt Ancient Nobilitie is junior to no Nobilitie, when all men were equall. Yet give others leave to ſee Moſes his face to ſhine, when he knew it not himſelf; and ſeeing Paula was pleaſed not to know, but to neglect and trample on her high birth, we are bound to take notice thereof. She was deſcended from * Agamemnon, Scipio, and the Gracchi's, and her husband Toxotius from * Æneas, and the Julian familie; ſo that in their marriage the warres of the Grecians and Trojanes were reconciled.

Some years they lived together in the Citie of Rome, in holy and happy wedlock, and to her husband ſhe bare foure daughters, Bleſilla, Paulina, Euſtochium, and Ruffina.

* *Hieron. Epiſt. ad Euſtoch. pag.* 185.
* *Idem in eadem epiſt. p.* 172.

Ruffina. Yet ſtill her husband long'd for poſteritie, like thoſe who are ſo covetous of a male heir, they count none children but ſonnes: and at laſt God, who keeps the beſt for the cloſe, beſtowed Toxotius, a young ſonne upon her.

But commonly after a great bleſsing comes a great croſſe: ſcarce was ſhe made a mother to a ſonne, when ſhe was made a widow, which to her was a great and grievous affliction. But as a rubbe to an overthrown bowl proves an help by hindering it; ſo afflictions bring the ſouls of Gods Saints to the mark, which otherwiſe would be gone and tranſported with too much earthly happineſſe. However Paula grieved little leſſe then excesſively hereat, ſhe being a woman that in all her actions (to be ſure to do enough) made alwayes meaſure with advantage.

Yet in time ſhe overcame her ſorrow, herein being aſsiſted by the counſel and comfort of S. Hierome, whoſe conſtant frequenting of her, commented upon by his enemies malice (which will pry narrowly and talk broadly) gave occaſion to the report, that he accompanied with her for diſhoneſt intents. Surely if the accuſations of ſlanderous tongues be proofs, the primitive times had no Churches but ſtews. It is to be ſuſpected that * Ruffin his ſworn enemie raiſed the report; and if the Lady Paula's memorie wanted a compurgatour, I would be one my ſelf, it being improbable that thoſe her eyes would burn with luſt which were conſtantly drownd with tears. But the reader may find S. Hierome purging * himſelf; and he who had his tongue and an innocent heart needed no body elſe to ſpeak for him.

It happened that the Biſhops of the Eaſt and Weſt were ſummoned by the * Emperours letters to appear at Rome for the according of ſome differences in the Church. (It ſeemes by this that the Pope did not ſo command in chief at Rome, but that the power of

* *Eraſmus in ſcholia in epitaphium Paulæ p.* 193.

* *In epiſtola quæ incipit,* Si tibi putem, *tom.* 2. *fol.* 368.

* *Hieronym. Epiſt. prædict. pag.* 172.

congregating Synods ſtill reſided in the Emperour.) Hither came Paulinus Biſhop of Antioch, and Epiphanius Biſhop of Salamine in Cyprus, who lodged at the Lady Paula's, and his virtues ſo wrought upon her, that ſhe determined to leave her native countrey, and to travel into the Eaſt, and in Judea to ſpend the remainder of her life. The reaſons that moved her to remove, was becauſe Rome was a place of riot and luxury, her ſoul being almoſt ſtifled with the frequencie of Ladyes viſits; and ſhe feared courteſie in her would juſtle out piety, ſhe being fain to crowd up her devotions to make room for civill entertainments. Beſides, of her own nature ſhe ever loved privacie and a ſequeſtred life, being of the Pelicans nature, which uſe not to flie in flocks. Laſtly, ſhe conceived that the ſight of thoſe holy places would be the beſt comment on the Hiſtory of the Bible, and faſten the paſſages thereof in her mind. Wherefore ſhe intended to ſurvey all Paleſtine, and at laſt to go to Bethlehem, making Chriſts inne her home, and to die there where he was born, leaving three of her daughters, and her poore infant Toxotius behind her.

For mine own part, I think ſhe had done as acceptable a deed to God, in ſtaying behind to rock her child in the cradle, as to viſit Chriſts manger, ſeeing Grace doth not cut of the affections of nature but ripen them: the rather, becauſe Chriſtianity is not naild to Chriſts croſſe and mount Calvary, nor Piety faſtned (as we may ſay) to the freehold of the land of Paleſtine. But if any Papiſt make her a pattern for pilgrimages, let them remember that ſhe went from Rome: and was it not an unnaturall motion in her to move from that centre of Sanctitie?

She with her daughter Euſtochium began her journie, and taking Cyprus in her way, where ſhe viſited Epiphanius, ſhe came at laſt to Judea. She meaſured that

that countrey with her travelling, and drew the trueſt mappe thereof with her own feet, ſo accurately that ſhe left out no particular place of importance. At laſt ſhe was fixed at Bethlehem, where ſhe built one monaſterie for men, and three for women. It will be worth our pains to take notice of ſome principall of the orders ſhe made in thoſe feminine Academies; becauſe Paula's practice herein was a leading caſe, though thoſe that came after her went beyond her. For in the rules of monaſticall life, Paula ſtood at the head game, and the Papiſts in after ages, deſirous to better her hand, drew themſelves quite out.

Each monaſterie had a chief matrone, whilſt Paula was Principall over all. Theſe ſocieties were ſeverd at their meat and work, but met together at their prayers: they were carefully kept apart from men, not like thoſe Epicœne monaſteries not long ſince invented by Joan Queen of Sweden, wherein men and women lived under one roof, not to ſpeak of worſe libertines. Well were Nunnes called *Recluſes*, which according to the true meaning of the word ſignifie thoſe which are ſet wide open, or left at libertie, though that Barbarous age miſtook the ſenſe of the word, for ſuch as were ſhut up, and might not ſtirre out of their * Cloyſter.

* *Littleton fol. 92.*

They uſed to ſing Halelujah, which ſerv'd them both for a pſalm, and a bell to call them all together. In the * morning, at nine a clock, at noon, at three a clock in the afternoon, and at night they had prayers, and ſang the pſalmes in order. This I believe gave originall to canonicall houres. The Apoſtles precept is the plain ſong, *Pray continually*; and thus mens inventions ran their deſcants upon it, and confin'd it to certain houres. A practice in it ſelf not ſo bad for thoſe who have leiſure to obſerve it, ſave that when devotion is thus artificially plaited into houres it may take up mens minds in formalities to neglect the ſubſtance. They

* Mane, horâ tertiâ, ſextâ, nonâ, veſperi. *Hieron. in præfat. Epiſt. p.* 180. *ſurely living in Paleſtine he meaneth the Jewiſh computation of houres.*

They roſe alſo at midnight to ſing pſalmes. A cuſtome begun before in the time of perſecution, when the Chriſtians were forced to be Antipodes to other men, ſo that when it was night with others, it was day with them, and they then began their devotions. Theſe night-prayers, begun in neceſsitie, were continued in Paula's time in gratefull remembrance, and ſince corrupted with ſuperſtition: the beſt is, their riſing at midnight breaks none of our ſleep.

Theſe virgins did every day learn ſome part of the holy Scriptures; whereas thoſe Nunnes which pretend to ſucceed them learn onely with poſt-horſes to run over the ſtage of their beads (ſo many Ave Maries, and Pater noſters) and are ignorant in all the Scripture beſides. Such as were faultie, ſhe cauſed to take their meat apart from others at the entrance of the dining-room; with which mild ſeveritie ſhe reclaimed many: ſhame in ingenuous natures making a deeper impreſſion then pain. Mean time I find amongſt them no vow of virginitie, no tyrannicall Penance, no whipping themſelves; as if not content to interre their ſinnes in Chriſts grave, they had rather bury them in furrows digg'd in their own backs. They wrought hard to get their living, and on the Lords day alone went out of their monaſterie to hear Gods word.

Yet was ſhe more rigid and ſevere towards her ſelf, then to any of them, macerating her body with faſting, and refuſing to drink any wine, when adviſed thereto by Phyſicians for her health. So that (as an * holy man complained of himſelf, whileſt he went about to ſubdue an enemie he kild a ſubject) ſhe overturned the ſtate of her bodie, and whileſt ſhe thought to ſnuff the candle put it quite out. Yea S. Hierome himſelf, what his Eloquence herein doth commend in her, his Charity doth excuſe, and his Judgement doth * condemne. But we muſt Charitably believe that theſe her faſtings proceeded out of true humiliation and ſorrow for

* *Bernard. devot. devotis*

* Hæc refero, non quòd inconſideranter & ultra vires ſumta onera probem, *p.* 181.

for her ſinnes; otherwiſe where opinion of merit is annexed to them, they are good onely to fill the body with wind, and the ſoul with pride. Certainly prodigious Popiſh ſelf-penance is will-worſhip, and the pureſt Epicuriſme, wherein pain is pleaſant: for as long as people impoſe it on themſelves, they do not deny their own will, but fulfill it; and whilſt they beat down the body they may puff up the fleſh.

Nor can her immoderate bounty be excuſed, who gave all and more then all away, taking up money at intereſt to give to the poore, and leaving Euſtochium her daughter deep in debt, a great charge, and nothing to maintain it. Sure none need be more bountifull in giving then the Sunne is in ſhining, which though freely beſtowing his beams on the world keeps notwithſtanding the body of light to himſelf. Yea it is neceſſary that Liberality ſhould as well have banks as a ſtream.

She was an excellent text-woman, yea could ſay the holy Scriptures by heart, and attained to underſtand and ſpeak the Hebrew tongue, a language which Hierome himſelf got with great difficultie, and kept with conſtant uſe (skill in Hebrew will quickly go out, and burn no longer then 'tis blown) yet ſhe in her old age did ſpeedily learn it. She diligently heard Hierome expounding the old and new Teſtament, asking him many doubts, and Quæres in difficult places (ſuch conſtant ſcouring makes our knowledge brighter) and would not ſuffer his judgement to ſtand neuter in hard points; but made him expreſſe the probable opinion.

Moſt naturally flie from death; Gods Saints ſtand ſtill till death comes to them; Paula went out to meet it, not to ſay, call'd death unto her by conſuming her ſelf in faſting: ſhe died in the fiftie ſixth yeare of her age, and was ſolemnly buried in Bethlehem. People of all countreys flockt to her funerall: Biſhops carried her

corps to the grave: others carried torches and lamps before it, which though ſome may condemne to be but burning of day was no more then needed, ſhe being buried in a cave or grot as an * eyewitneſſe doth teſtifie. Pſalmes were ſung at her buriall in the Hebrew, Greek, Latine, and Syriack tongue, it being fit there ſhould be a key for every lock, and languages to be underſtood by all the miſcelany company there preſent.

* *G. Sandys Travells, pag. 179.*

Euſtochium her daughter had little comfort to be Executrix or Adminiſtratrix unto her, leaving her not a pennie of monie, great debts, and many brothers and ſiſters to provide for, *quos ſuſtentare arduum, abjicere impium.* I like not this charitie reverſed, when it begins farre off & neglects thoſe at home.

To conclude, I can do her memorie no better right, then to confeſſe ſhe was wrong in ſomethings. Yet ſurely Gods Glory was the mark ſhe ſhot at, though herein the hand of her practice did ſometimes ſhake, and oftener the eye of her judgement did take wrong aim.

Chap. 12.

The conſtant Virgin

IS one who hath mad with herſelf to live chaſte, and unmar ere is a grand difference betwixt a Reſol ow. The former is a covenant drawn e party and herſelf; and commonly run uſe, *durante noſtro beneplacito*, as long as w fitting; and therefore on juſt occaſion ſh releaſe to herſelf. But in a vow God is he Creditour, ſo that except he be pleaſe he band, none can give an acquittance . Being now to deſcribe the Virgin, let t ow that virginity belongs to both ſexes; a Courteſie

tesie we make our Maid a female, let not my pen be chalenged of improprietie, if casually sometimes it light on the Masculine Gender.

She chooseth not a single life solely for its self, but in reference to the better serving of God. I know none but beggars that desire the Church-Porch to lye in, which others onely use as a passage into the Church. Virginity is none of those things to be desired in and for it self, but because it leads a more convenient way to the worshipping of God, especially in time of persecution. For then if Christians be forced to run races for their lives, the unmarryed have the advantage, lighter by many ounces, and freed from much encumbrance, which the married are subject to; who, though private Persons, herein are like Princes, they must have their train follow them. *Maxime* 1

She improveth her single life therewith to serve God the more constantly. Housekeepers cannot so exactly mark all their family-affairs, but that sometimes their ranks will be broken; which disorder by necessary consequence will disturb their duties of pietie, to make them contracted, omitted, or unseasonably performed. The Apostle saith, *Such shall have troubles in the flesh*; and grant them sanctified troubles, yet even Holy-thistle and Sweet-brier have their prickles. But the Virgin is freed from these encumbrances. No lording Husband shall at the same time command her presence and distance, to be alwayes near in constant attendance, and alwayes to stand aloof off in an awfull observance; so that providing his break-fast hazards her soul to fast a meal of morning prayer: No crying Children shall drown her singing of psalmes, and put her devotion out of tune: No unfaithfull Servants shall force her to divide her eyes betwixt lifting them up to God and casting them down to oversee their work; but making her Closet her Chappell, she freely enjoyeth God and good thoughts at what time she pleaseth. 2

3 *Yet in all her discourse she maketh an honourable mention of marriage.* And good reason that virginity should pay a chief rent of honour unto it, as acknowledging her selfe to be a *colonia deducta* from it. Unworthy is the practice of those who in their discourse plant all their arguments point-blank to batter down the married estate, bitterly inveighing against it; yea base is the behaviour of some young men, who can speak nothing but Satyres against Gods ordinance of Matrimony, and the whole sex of women. This they do either out of deep dissimulation, to divert supicion, that they may prey the fartheſt from their holes; or else they do it out of revenge: having themselves formerly lighted on bad women (yet no worse then they deserved) they curse all adventures because of their own shipwrack; or lastly they do it out of mere spight to nature and God himself: and pity it is but that their fathers had been of the same opinion. Yet it may be tolerable if onely in harmlesse mirth they chance to bestow a jest upon the follyes of married people. Thus when a Gentlewoman told an ancient Batchelour who lookd very young, that she thought he had eaten a snake; *No mistris* (said he) *it is because I never meddled with any snakes which maketh me look so young.*

4 *She counts her self better lost in a modest silence then found in a bold discourse.* Divinity permits not women to speak in the Church; morality forbids maids to talk in the House, where their betters are present. She is farre from the humours of those, who (more bridling in their chinnes then their tongues) love in their constant prating to make sweet musick to their own ears, and harsh jarring to all the rest of the company: yea as some report of sheep, that when they runne they are afraid of the noise of their own feet; so our Virgin is afraid to heare her own tongue runne in the presence of graver persons. She conceives the bold maintaining of any argument concludes against her own civil behaviour;

behaviour; and yet she will give a good account of any thing whereof she is questioned, sufficient to shew her silence is her choice, not her refuge. In speaking she studiously avoids all suspicious expressions, which wanton apprehensions may colourably comment into obscenity.

She blusheth at the wanton discourse of others in her company. As fearing that being in the presence where treason against modesty is spoken, all in the place will be arraigned for principalls: yea if silent, she is afraid to be taken to consent; if offering to confute it, she fears lest by stirring a dunghill, the savour may be more noysome. Wherefore that she may not suffer in her title to modesty, to preserve her right she enters a silent caveat by a blush in her cheeks, and embraceth the next opportunity to get a gaole-delivery out of that company where she was detained in durance. Now because we have mentioned Blushing, which is so frequent with virgins that it is called *a maidens blush*, (as if they alone had a patent to die this colour) give us leave a little to enlarge our selves on this subject.

1 *Blushing oftentimes proceeds from guiltines*; when the offender being pursued after seeks as it were to hide himself under the visard of a new face.

2 *Blushing is othertimes rather a compurgatour then an accuser*; not arising from guiltinesse in our Virgin, but from one of these reasons: First because she is surprised with a sudden accusation, and though armed with innocency, that she cannot be pierced, yet may she be amazed with so unexpected a charge. Secondly from sensibleness of disgrace, ashamed, though innocent, to be within the suspicion of such faults, and that she hath carried her self so that any tongue durst be so impudent as to lay it to her charge. Thirdly from a disability to acquit her self at the instant (her integrity wanting rather clearing then clearnesse) and per-

chance ſhe wants boldneſſe to traverſe the action, and ſo non-ſuiting her ſelf, ſhe fears her cauſe will ſuffer in the judgements of all that be preſent: and although accuſed but in jeſt, ſhe is jealous the accuſation will be believed in earneſt; and edg'd tools thrown in merriment may wound reputations. Fourthly out of mere anger: for as in fear the blood makes not an orderly retreat but a confuſed flight to the heart; ſo in bluſhing the blood ſallies out into our Virgins cheeks, and ſeems as a champion to challenge the accuſer for wronging her.

3 *Where ſmall faults are committed bluſhing obtaines a pardon of courſe with ingenuous beholders.* As if ſhe be guilty of caſuall incivilities, or ſolœciſmes in manners occaſioned by invincible ignorance, and unavoidable miſtakes, in ſuch a caſe bluſhing is a ſufficient penance to reſtore her to her ſtate of innocencie.

6 *She impriſons not her ſelf with a ſolemn vow never to marry.* For firſt, none know their own ſtrength herein. Who hath ſailed about the world of his own heart, ſounded each creek, ſurveied each corner, but that ſtill there remains therein much *terra incognita* to himſelf? Junius, at the firſt little better then a * Miſogyniſt, was afterwards ſo altered from himſelf, that he ſucceſſively married foure wives. Secondly, fleſhly corruption being pent will ſwell the more, and Shemei being confin'd to Jeruſalem will have the greater mind to gad to Gath. Thirdly, the devil will have a fairer ſet mark to ſhoot at, and will be moſt buſie to make people break their vow. Fourthly, God may juſtly deſert people for ſnatching that to themſelves, which is moſt proper for him to give, I mean, Continency. Object not, that thou wilt pray to him to take from thee all deſire of marriage, it being madneſſe to vow that one will not eat, and then pray to God that he may not

* *Junius in his life writ by himſelf.*

not be hungry. Neither say that now thou may'st presume on thy self, because thou art well stricken in years, for there may happen an autume-spring in thy soul; and lust is an unmannerly guest, we know not how late in the evening of our lives it may intrude into us for a lodging.

She counts it virginitie to be unspotted, not unmarried. Or 7
else even in old age, when nature hath given an inhibition, they may be strong in desiring who are weak in acting of wickednesse; yea they may keep stews in their hearts, and be so pregnant and ingravidated with lustfull thoughts, that they may as it were die in travail because they cannot be delivered. And though there be no fire seen outwardly, as in the English chymnies, it may be hotter within, as in the Dutch stoves; and as well the devils as the Angels in heaven, *neither marry nor are given in marriage.*

As she lives with lesse care, so she dies with more cheerfulnesse. 8
Indeed she was rather a sojourner, then an inhabitant in this world, and therefore forsakes it with the lesse grief. In a word, the way to heaven is alike narrow to all estates, but farre smoother to the Virgin then to the married. Now the great advantage Virgins have to serve God above others, & high favours he hath bestowed on some of them, shall appear in this Virgin propheteſſe, whose life we come to present.

HILDEGARDIS *a* Virgin *Propheteſs, Abbeſs of* S^t Ryperts *Nunnerye. She died at Bingen A^o Do: 1180. Aged 82 yeares.*

W: Marſhall ſculpsit.

Chap. 13.

The life of Hildegardis.

Hildegardis was born in Germany, in the County of Spanheim, in the yeare 1098. So that ſhe lived in an age which we may call the firſt cock-crowing after the midnight of Ignorance and Superſtition.

Her parents (Hidebert, and Mechtilda) dedicated her to God from her infancie : And ſurely thoſe whoſe Childhood, with Hildegardis, hath had the advantage of pious education may be ſaid to have been

been good time out of mind, as not able to remember the beginning of their own goodneſſe. At eight years of age ſhe became a Nunne under S. Jutta ſiſter to Megenhard, Earl of Spanheim, and afterwards ſhe was made Abbeſſe of S. Ruperts Nunnery in Bingen on Rhene in the Palatinate.

Men commonly do beat and bruiſe their links before they light them, to make them burn the brighter: God firſt humbles and afflicts whom he intends to illuminate with more then ordinary grace. Poore Hildegardis was conſtantly and continually ſick, and ſo * weak that ſhe very ſeldome was ſtrong enough to go. But God who denied her legs, gave her wings, and raiſed her high-mounted ſoul in Viſions and Revelations.

I know a generall ſcandall is caſt on Revelations in this ignorant age: firſt, becauſe many therein intitled the Meteors of their own brain to be Starres at leaſt, and afterwards their Revelations have been revealed to be forgeries: ſecondly, becauſe that night-raven did change his black feathers into the ſilver wings of a dove, and transforming himſelf into an Angel of light deluded many with ſtrange raptures and viſions, though in their nature farre different from thoſe in the Bible. For S. Paul in his Revelations was caught up into the third heaven; whereas moſt Monks with a contrary motion were carried into hell and purgatorie, and there ſaw apparitions of ſtrange torments. Alſo S. Johns Revelation forbids all additions to the Bible, under heavie penalties; their viſions are commonly on purpoſe to piece out the Scripture, and to eſtabliſh ſuch ſuperſtitions as have no footing in Gods word.

However all held Hildegardis for a Prophet, being induced thereunto by the piety of her life: no breck was ever found in her veil, ſo ſpotleſſe was her converſation; by the ſanctity of her writings, and by the

* Fuerunt ei ab ipſa penè infantia crebri ac ferè continui languorum dolores, ità ut pedum inceſſu perraro uteretur, *Theod. Abbas in vita Hildegardis, lib. 1. cap. 2.*

generall approbation the Church gave unto her. For Pope Eugenius the third, after exact examination of the matter, did in the Councell of Trevers (wherein S. Bernard was preſent) allow and priviledge her Revelations for authenticall. She was of the Popes Conclave, and Emperours Counſel, to whom they had recourſe in difficulties: yea the greateſt torches of the Church lighted themſelves at her candle. The Patriarch of Jeruſalem, the Biſhops of Mentz, Colen, Breme, Trevers ſent ſuch knots as poſed their own fingers to our Hildegardis to untie.

*Trithemius de Scriptor. Eccleſ. fol. 92.

She never learn'd word of Latine; and yet * therein would ſhe fluently expreſſe her Revelations to thoſe notaries that took them from her mouth; ſo that throwing words at randome ſhe never brake Priſcian's head: as if the Latine had learn'd to make it ſelf true without the ſpeakers care. And no doubt, he that brought the ſingle parties to her married them alſo in her mouth, ſo that the ſame Spirit which furniſhed her with Latine words, made alſo the true Syntaxis. Let none object that her very writing of fifty eight Homilies on the Goſpel is falſe conſtruction, where the feminine Gender aſſumes an employment proper to men: for though S. Paul ſilenceth women for ſpeaking in the Church, I know no Scripture forbids them from writing on Scripture.

Such infuſed skill ſhe had alſo of Muſick, whereof ſhe was naturally ignorant, and wrote a whole book of verſes very good according to thoſe times. Indeed in that age the trumpet of the warlike Heroick, and the ſweet harp of the Lyrick verſe, were all turned into the gingling of Cymballs, tinckling with rhythmes, and like-ſounding cadencies.

But let us heare a few lines of her Prophecies, and thence gueſſe the reſt. *In thoſe dayes there ſhall riſe up a people without underſtanding, proud, covetous, and deceitfull, the which ſhall eat the ſins of the people, holding a certain order of fooliſh devotion*

votion under the feigned cloke of beggery. Also they shall instantly preach without devotion or example of the holy Martyrs, and shall detract from the secular Princes, taking away the Sacraments of the Church from the true pastours, receiving almes of the poore, having familiarity with women, instructing them how they shall deceive their husbands, and rob their husbands to give it unto them, * &c. What could be said more plain to draw out to the life those Mendicant friers (rogues by Gods statutes) which afterwards swarm'd in the world.

* *See much more to this purpose in Catalog. Testium veritatis in Hildegarde: Also in Foxes Acts and monuments, p. 461.*

Heare also how she foretold the low water of Tiber, whilest as yet it was full tide there. *The Kings and other Rulers of the world, being stirred up by the just judgement of God, shall set themselves against them, and run upon them, saying, We will not have these men to reigne over us with their rich houses, and great possessions, and other worldly riches, over the which we are ordained to be Lords and Rulers: and how is it meet or comely that those shavelings with their stoles and chesils should have more souldiers or richer armour and artillery then we? wherefore let us take away from them what they do not justly but wrongfully possesse.*

It is well the Index expurgatorius was not up in those dayes, nor the Inquisition on foot, otherwise dame Hildegardis must have been call'd to an after account. I will onely ask a Romanist this question, This Prophesie of Hildegardis, was it from heaven or from men? If from heaven, why did ye not believe it? If from men, why did the Pope allow it, & canonize her?

As for miracles, which she wrought in her life time, their number is as admirable as their nature. I must confesse at my first reading * of them, my belief digested some, but surfeted on the rest: for she made no more to cast out a devil, then a barber to draw a tooth, and with lesse pain to the patient. I never heard of a great feast made all of Cordiall: and it seems improbable that miracles (which in Scripture are used sparingly, and chiefly for conversion of unbelievers)

* *In Lipoman. in vitis Sanct. Tom. 5 fol. 91. & sequen.*

ſhould be heaped ſo many together, made every dayes work, and by her commonly, conſtantly, and ordinarily, wrought. And I pray why is the Popiſh Church ſo barren of true works nowadayes here wrought at home amongſt us? For as for thoſe reported to be done farre of, it were ill for ſome if the gold from the Indies would abide the touch no better then the miracles.

However Hildegardis was a gratious Virgin, and God might perform ſome great wonders by her hand; but theſe *piæ fraudes* with their painting have ſpoyled the naturall complexion of many a good face, and have made Truth it ſelf ſuſpected. She dyed in the 82. yeare of her age, was afterwards Sainted by the Pope, and the 17 day of September aſsign'd to her memory.

I cannot forget how Udalrick Abbat of Kempten in Germany made a moſt * courteous law for the weaker ſexe, That no woman, guilty of what crime ſoever, ſhould ever be put to death in his dominions, becauſe two women condemn'd to die were miraculouſly delivered out of the priſon by praying to S. Hildegardis.

* *Bruſchius Demonaſter. & Centuriatores, Centur.* 11. *Col.* 350.

Chap. 14.

The Elder Brother

IS one who made haſt to come into the world to bring his Parents the firſt news of male-poſterity, and is well rewarded for his tidings. His compoſition is then accounted moſt pretious when made of the loſſe of a double Virginitie.

Maxime 1

He is thankfull for the advantage God gave him at the ſtarting in the race into this world. When twinnes have been even match'd, one hath gained the gole but by his length. S. * Auguſtine ſaith, *That it is every mans*

* *Quæſtionibus ex utroque mixtim Tom.* 40 *Col.* 874.

bounden

bounden duty ſolemnly to celebrate his birth-day. If ſo, Elder Brothers may beſt afford good cheer on the feſtivall.

2 *He counts not his inheritance a Writ of eaſe to free him from induſtry:* As if onely the Younger Brothers came into the world to work, the Elder to complement. Theſe are the Toppes of their houſes indeed, like cotlofts, higheſt and emptieſt. Rather he laboureth to furniſh himſelf with all gentile accompliſhment, being beſt able to go to the coſt of learning. He need not fear to be ſerved as Ulrick Fugger was (chief of the noble family of the Fuggers in Auſpurg) who was diſinherited of a great patrimony onely for his *ſtudiouſneſſe, and expenſiveneſſe in buying coſtly Manuſcripts.

* *Thuan. de obit. vir. doct. in Ann.* 1584.

3 *He doth not ſo remember he is an Heire, that he forgets he is a Sonne.* Wherefore his carriage to his Parents is alwayes reſpectfull. It may chance that his father may be kept in a charitable Priſon, whereof his Sonne hath the keyes; the old man being onely Tenant for life, and the lands entaild on our young Gentleman. In ſuch a caſe when it is in his power, if neceſsity requires, he enlargeth his father to ſuch a reaſonable proportion of liberty as may not be injurious to himſelf.

4 *He rather deſires his fathers Life then his Living.* This was one of the principall reaſons (but God knows how true) why Philip the ſecond, King of Spain, cauſed in the yeare 1568. Charles his Eldeſt Sonne to be executed for plotting his fathers death, as was pretended. And a *Wit in ſuch difficult toyes accommodated the numerall letters in Ovids verſe to the yeare wherein the Prince ſuffered.

* *Opmerus was the Authour thereof: Famianus Strada de bello Belgico lib. 7. pag. 432.*

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Seeks forth hoVV near the fathers LIfe Is Done.
1568.

But if they had no better evidence against him but this poeticall Synchroniſme, we might well count him a martyr.

5 *His fathers deeds and grants he ratifies and confirms.* If a ſtitch be fallen in a leaſe, he will not widen it into an hole by cavilling, till the whole ſtrength of the grant run out thereat; or take advantage of the default of the Clark in writing where the deed appears really done, and on a valuable conſideration: He counts himſelf bound in honour to perform what by marks and ſignes he plainly underſtands his father meant, though he ſpake it not out.

6 *He reflecteth his luſtre to grace and credit his younger brethren.* Thus Scipio Africanus, after his great victories againſt the Carthaginians and conquering of Hannibal, was content to ſerve as a * Lieutenant in the warres of Aſia, under Lucius Scipio his younger Brother.

* *Plutar. in the life of Scipio.*

7 *He relieveth his diſtreſſed kinred, yet ſo as he continues them in their calling.* Otherwiſe they would all make his houſe their hoſpitall, his kinred their calling. When one being an Husbandman challenged kinred of Robert Groſthead Biſhop of Lincoln, and thereupon requeſted favour of him to beſtow an office on him, *Couſen* (quoth the Biſhop) *if your cart be broken, I'le mend it; if your plough old, I'le give you a new one, and ſeed to ſow your land: but an Husbandman I found you, and an Husbandman I'le leave you.* It is better to eaſe poore kinred in their Profeſſion, then to eaſe them from their Profeſſion.

8 *He is carefull to ſupport the credit and dignity of his family:* neither waſting his paternall eſtate by his unthriftineſſe, nor marring it by parcelling his ancient mannours and demeſnes amongſt his younger children, whom he provides for by annuities, penſions, moneys, leaſes, and purchaſed lands. He remembers how when our King Alfred divided the river of Lee (which parts Hartfordſhire and Eſſex) into three ſtreams,

ſtreams, it became ſo ſhallow that boats could not row, where formerly ſhips did ride. Thus the ancient family of the Woodfords (which had long continued in Leiceſterſhire and elſewhere in England in great account, eſtate and livelihood) is at this day quite extinct. For when Sr. Thomas Woodford in the reigne of King Henrie the ſixth made almoſt an even partition of his means betwixt his five Grandchildren, the Houſe in ſhort ſpace utterly decay'd; not any part of his lands now in the * tenure or name of any of his male line, ſome whereof lived to be brought to a low ebbe of fortune. Yet on the other ſide to leave all to the eldeſt, and make no proviſion for the reſt of their children, is againſt all rules of religion, forgetting their Chriſtian-name to remember their Sir-name.

* *Burton in his deſcrip. of Leiceſterſhire, p. 264.*

Chap. 15.

The Younger Brother.

SOme account him the better Gentleman of the two, becauſe ſonne to the more ancient Gentleman. Wherein his Elder Brother can give him the hearing, and a ſmile into the bargain. He ſhares equally with his Elder Brother in the education, but differs from him in his portion, and though he giveth alſo his Fathers Armes, yet to uſe the Herauld's language, he may ſay,

This to my Elder Brother I muſt yield,
I have the Charge *but he hath all the* Field.

Like herein to a young nephew of Tarquines in Rome, who was called * *Egereus*, from wanting of maintenance, becauſe his Grandfather left him nothing. It was therefore a mannerly anſwer which a young Gentleman gave to King James, when he asked him what kinne he was to ſuch a Lord of his name: *Pleaſe your Majeſtie* (ſaid he) *my Elder Brother is his Couſen german.*

* *Livi. lib. 1.*

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Maxime 1 *He repines not at the Providence of God in ordering his birth.* Heirs are made, even where matches are, both in heaven. Even in twinnes God will have one next the doore to come first into the world.

2 *He labours by his endeavours to date himself an Elder Brother.* Nature makes but one; Industry doth make all the sonnes of the same man Heirs. The fourth Brother gives a Martilet for the difference of his Armes: a bird * observed to build either in Castles, Steeples, or Ships; shewing that the bearer hereof, being debarr'd from all hopes of his fathers inheritance, must seek by warre, learning, or merchandize to advance his estate.

* *Gerard Leigh in his 9. differences of Brothers Armes.*

3 *In warre he cuts out his fortunes with his own sword.* William the Conquerour, when he first landed his forces in England, burnt all his ships; that despair to return might make his men the more valiant. Younger Brothers, being cut off at home frō all hopes, are more zealous to purchase an honourable support abroad. Their small Arteries with great Spirits have wrought miracles, & their resolution hath driven successe before it. Many of them have adventured to cheapen dear enterprises, & were onely able to pay the earnest, yet fortune hath accepted them for chapmen, and hath freely forgiven thē the rest of the payment for their boldnes.

4 *Nor are they lesse happy if applying themselves to their book.* Nature generally giving them good wits, which because they want room to burnish may the better afford to soar high.

5 *But he gaineth more wealth if betaking himself to merchandize.* Whence often he riseth to the greatest annuall honour in the kingdome. Many families in England though not first raised frō the City, yet thence have been so restored and enriched that it may seem to amount to an originall raising. Neither doth an apprentiship extinguish native, nor disinable to acquisitive Gentry; and they are much mistaken who hold it to be in the nature of bondage. For first, his indenture is a civill contract,

contract, whereof a bondman is uncapable: ſecondly, no work can be baſe preſcribed in reference to a noble end, as theirs is that learn an honeſt myſtery to inable them for the ſervice of God and the Countrey: thirdly, they give round ſummes of money to be bound. Now if apprentiſhip be a ſervitude, it is either a pleaſing bondage, or ſtrange madneſſe to purchaſe it at ſo dear a rate. Gentry therefore may be ſuſpended perchance, & aſleep during the apprentiſhip, but it awakens afterwards.

Sometimes he raiſeth his eſtate by applying himſelf to the Court. A paſture wherein Elder Brothers are obſerved to grow lean, and Younger Brothers fat. The reaſons whereof may be theſe. 6

1 Younger Brothers, being but ſlender in eſtate, are eaſier bowed to a Court-complyance then Elder Brothers, who ſtand more ſtiff on their means, and think ſcorn to crave what may be a Princes pleaſure to grant, and their profit to receive.

2 They make the Court their calling, and ſtudie the myſterie thereof, whileſt Elder Brothers, divided betwixt the Court and the Countrey, can have their endeavours deep in neither, which run in a double channell.

3 Elder Brothers ſpend highly in proportion to their eſtates, expecting afterwards a return with increaſe, which notwithſtanding never payes the principall: and whileſt they thus build ſo ſtately a ſtair-caſe to their preferment, the Younger Brothers get up by the back ſtairs in a private ſilent way, little expence being expected from them that have little.

Sometimes he lighteth on a wealthy match to advance him. If meeting with one that is Pilot of her own affections, to ſteer them without guidance of her friends, and ſuch as diſdaineth her marriage ſhould be contracted in an exchange, where joynture muſt weigh every grain even to the portion. Rather ſhe counts it an act both of love and charity to affect one rich in deſerts, 7

who commonly hath the advantage of birth, as ſhe hath of means, and ſo it's made levell betwixt them. And thus many a young Gentleman hath gotten honourable maintenance by an Heireſſe, eſpecially when the crying of the child hath cauſed the laughing of the father.

His means the more hardly gotten are the more carefully kept. Heat gotten by degrees, with motion and exerciſe, is more naturall and ſtayes longer by one, then what is gotten all at once by coming to the fire. Goods acquired by induſtry prove commonly more laſting then lands by deſcent.

9 *He ever oweth his Elder Brother with dutifull reſpect*: yea though God ſhould ſo bleſſe his endeavours as to go beyond him in wealth and honour. The pride of the Jeſuites is generally taxed, who being the youngeſt of all other Orders, and therefore by canon to go laſt, will never go in * Proceſsion with other Orders, becauſe they will not come behind them.

* *Vid. Preface to the Jeſuites Catechiſm.*

10 *Sometimes the Paternall inheritance falls to them who never hoped to riſe to it.* Thus John, ſirnamed Sans-terre, or, Without land, having five Elder Brothers came to the kingdome of England, death levelling thoſe which ſtood betwixt him and the Crown. It is obſerv'd of the * Coringtons, an ancient familie in Cornwall, that for eight lineall deſcents never any one that was born heir had the land, but it ever fell to Younger Brothers.

* *Carew Survey of Cornwall, fol.* 117.

To conclude, there is a hill in Voitland (a ſmall countrey in Germany) called *Feitchtelberg*, out of which ariſe foure rivers running foure ſeverall wayes, viz. 1. Eger, Eaſt, 2. Menus, Weſt, 3. Sala, North, & 4. Nabus, South: ſo that he that ſees their fountains ſo near together would admire at their falls ſo farre aſunder. Thus the younger ſons iſſuing out of the ſame mothers wombe and fathers loyns, and afterwards embracing different courſes to trie their fortunes abroad in the world, chance often to die farre off, at great diſtance, which were all born in the ſame place.

The Holy State.

THE SECOND BOOK.

CHAP. I.

*The good * Advocate.*

** we take it promiscuously for Civil or Common Lawyer.*

HE is one that will not plead that cause, wherein his tongue must be confuted by his conscience. It is the praise of the Spanish souldier, that (whilest all other Nations are mercenary, and for money will serve on any side) he will never fight against his own King: nor will our Advocate against the Sovereigne Truth, plainly appearing to his conscience.

Maxime 1

He not onely hears but examines his Client, and pincheth the cause, where he fears it is foundred. For many Clients in telling their case rather plead then relate it, so that the Advocate hears not the true state of it, till opened by the adverse party. Surely the Lawyer that fills himself with instructions will travell longest in the cause without tiring. Others that are so quick in searching, seldome search to the quick; and those miraculous apprehensions who understand more then all, before the Client hath told half, runne without their errand, and will return without their answer.

2

If the matter be doubtfull, he will onely warrant his own diligence. Yet some keep an Assurance-office in their

chamber, and will warrant any cauſe brought unto them, as knowing that if they fail they loſe nothing but what long ſince was loſt, their credit.

3 *He makes not a Trojan-ſiege of a ſuit, but ſeeks to bring it to a ſet battel in a ſpeedy triall.* Yet ſometimes ſuits are continued by their difficulty, the potencie and ſtomach of the parties, without any default in the Lawyer. Thus have there depended ſuits in * Gloceſter-ſhire, betwixt the Heirs of the Lord Barkley, and Sr. Thomas Talbot Viſcount Liſle, ever ſince the reigne of King Edward the fourth untill now lately they were finally compounded.

* *Cambdens Brit. in Gloceſt.*

4 *He is faithfull to the ſide that firſt retains him.* Not like * Demoſthenes, who ſecretly wrote one oration for Phormio, and another in the ſame matter for Apolidorus his adverſary.

* *Plutarch. in vita Demoſth.*

5 *In pleading he ſhoots fairly at the head of the cauſe, and having faſtened, no frowns nor favours ſhall make him let go his hold.* Not ſnatching aſide here and there, to no purpoſe, ſpeaking little in much, as it was ſaid of Anaximenes, *That he had a flood of words, and a drop of reaſon.* His boldneſſe riſeth or falleth as he apprehends the goodneſſe or badneſſe of his cauſe.

6 *He joyes not to be retain'd in ſuch a ſuit, where all the right in queſtion, is but a drop blown up with malice to be a bubble.* Wherefore in ſuch triviall matters he perſwades his Client to ſound a retreat, and make a compoſition.

7 *When his name is up, his induſtry is not down, thinking to plead not by his ſtudy but his credit.* Commonly Phyſicians like beer are beſt when they are old, & Lawyers like bread when they are young and new. But our Advocate grows not lazie. And if a leading caſe be out of the road of his practice, he will take pains to trace it thorow his books, and prick the footſteps thereof whereſoever he finds it.

8 *He is more carefull to deſerve, then greedy to take fees.* He accounts the very pleading of a poore widows honeſt

cauſe

cause sufficient fees, as conceiving himself then the King of Heavens Advocate, bound *ex officio* to prosecute it. And although some may say that such a Lawyer may even go live in Cornwall, where it is * observed that few of that profession hitherto have grown to any great livelihood, yet shall he (besides those two felicities of * common Lawyers, that they seldome die either without heirs or making a will) find Gods blessing on his provisions and posterity.

* *Carew Sur. of Cornwall, fol. 60.*

* *Coke in his Preface to Littletons Tenures.*

We will respit him a while till he comes to be a Judge, and then we will give an example of both together.

Chap. 2.

The good Physician.

Maxime 1

He trusteth not the single witnesse of the water if better testimony may be had. For reasons drawn from the urine alone are as brittle as the urinall. Sometimes the water runneth in such post-hast through the sick mans body, it can give no account of any thing memorable in the passage, though the most judicious eye examine it. Yea the sick man may be in the state of death, and yet life appear in his state.

2

Coming to his patient he perswades him to put his trust in God the fountain of health. The neglect hereof hath caused the bad successe of the best Physicians: for God will manifest that though skill comes mediately from him to be gotten by mans pains, successe comes from him immediately to be disposed at his pleasure.

3

He hansells not his new experiments on the bodies of his patients; letting loose mad receipts into the sick mans body, to try how well Nature in him will fight against them, whilest himself stands by and sees the battel, except it be in desperate cases when death must be expell'd by death.

4

To poore people he prescribes cheap but wholesome medicines:

not removing the consumption out of their bodies into their purses; nor sending them to the East Indies for drugs, when they can reach better out of their gardens.

5 *Lest his Apothecary should oversee, he oversees his Apothecary.* For though many of that profession be both able and honest, yet some out of ignorance or haste may mistake: witnesse one of Bloys, * who being to serve a Doctours bill, in stead of *Optimi* (short written) read *Opii*, and had sent the patient asleep to his grave, if the Doctours watchfulnesse had not prevented him; worse are those who make wilfull errours, giving one thing for another. A prodigall who had spent his estate was pleased to jeer himself, boasting that he had cosened those who had bought his means; They gave me (said he) good new money, and I sold them my Great-great-grandfathers old land. But this cosenage is too too true in many Apothecaries, selling to sick folk for new money antiquated drugs, and making dying mens Physick of dead ingredients.

* *Stephens Apology fo. Herodotus, lib. 1. cap. 16.*

6 *He brings not news with a false spie that the coast is clear till death surprises the sick man.* I know Physicians love to make the best of their patients estate. First 'tis improper that *Adjutores vitæ* should be *Nuncii mortis*. Secondly, none, with their good will, will tell bad news. Thirdly, their fee may be the worse for't. Fourthly, 'tis a confessing that their art is conquer'd. Fifthly, it will poyson their patients heart with grief, and make it break before the time. However they may so order it, that the party may be inform'd of his dangerous condition, that he be not outed of this world before he be provided for another.

7 *When he can keep life no longer in, he makes a fair & easie passage for it to go out.* He giveth his attendance for the facilitating and asswaging of the pains and agonies of death. Yet generally 'tis death to a Physician to be with a dying man.

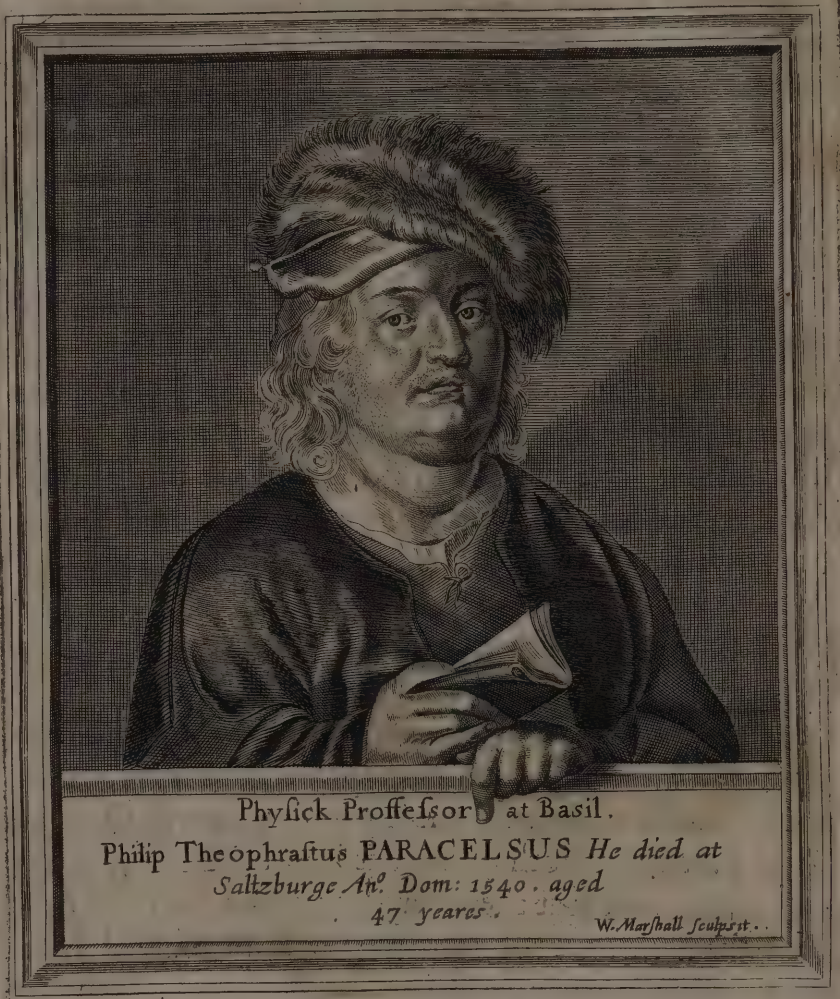
Vnworthy

8

Vnworthy pretenders to Physick are rather foils then stains to the Profession. Such a one was that counterfeit, who called himself *The Baron of* Blackamore*, and feigned he was sent from the Emperour to our young King Henry the sixth, to be his principall Physician: but his forgery being discovered, he was apprehended, and executed in the Tower of London, *Anno* 1426. and such the world daily swarms with. Well did the Poets feigne Æsculapius and Circe, brother and sister, and both children of the Sunne: for in all times in the opinion of the multitude, witches, old women, and impostours have had a competition with Physicians. And commonly the most ignorant are the most confident in their undertakings, and will not stick to tell you what disease the gall of a dove is good to cure. He took himself to be no mean Doctour, who being guilty of no Greek, and being demanded why it was called an *Hectick fever*; *because* (saith he) *of an hecking cough which ever attendeth that disease.* And here it will not be amisse to describe the life of the famous Quacksalver Paracelsus, both because it is not ordinarily to be met with, and that men may see what a monster many make a miracle of learning, and propound him their pattern in their practice.

* *Stowes Survey of London. pag. 55.*

CHAP. 3.



Phyſick Profeſſor at Basil.
Philip Theophraſtus PARACELSUS *He died at Saltzburge Anº Dom: 1540. aged 47 yeares.*
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Chap. 3.

The life of Paracelsus.

PHilip Theophraſtus Bombaſtus of Hoenhaim, or Paracelſus, born as he ſaith himſelf in the wilderneſſe of Helvetia, *Anno* 1493. of the noble and ancient family of the Hoenhaims. But Thomas Eraſtus making ſtrict enquiry after his pedigree found none of his name or kinred in that place. Yet it is fit ſo great a Chymiſt ſhould make himſelf to be of noble extraction: And let us believe him to be of high deſcent,

ſcent, as perchance born on ſome mountain in Switzerland.

As for his Education, he himſelf * boaſts that he lived in moſt Univerſities of Europe; ſurely rather as a traveller then a ſtudent, and a vagrant then a traveller. Yea ſome will not allow him ſo much, and * one who hath exactly meaſured the length of his life, though crowding his pretended travells very cloſe, finds not room enough for them. But 'tis too ridiculous what a * Scholar of his relates, that he lived ten years in Arabia to get learning, and converſed in Greece with the Athenian Philoſophers. Whereas in that age Arabia the Happy was accurſed with Barbariſme, and Athens grown a ſtranger to her ſelf; both which places being then ſubjected to the Turks, the very ruines of all learning were ruin'd there. Thus we ſee how he better knew to act his part, then to lay his Scene, and had not Chronologie enough to tell the clock of time, when and where to place his lies to make them like truth.

The firſt five & twenty years of his age he lived very civilly; being thirty years old he came to Baſill, juſt at the alteration of Religion, when many Papiſts were expell'd the Univerſity, and places rather wanted Profeſſours, then Profeſſours places. Here by the favour of Oecolampadius he was admitted to reade Phyſick, & for two years behaved himſelf fairly, till this accident cauſed his departure. A rich * Canon of Baſill being ſick promiſed Paracelſus an hundred florens to recover him, which being reſtored to his health he denied to pay. Paracelſus ſues him, is caſt in his ſuit, the Magiſtrate adjudging him onely an ordinary fee, becauſe the cure was done preſently with a few pills. The Phyſician enraged hereat talked treaſon againſt the State in all his diſcourſes, till the nimbleneſſe of his tongue forc'd the nimbleneſſe of his feet, and he was fain to fly into Alſatia. Here keeping company with the

* *In præfatione Chirurgiæ magnæ.*

* *Sennertus de chymicorum conſenſu, cap. 4. pag. 35.*

* *Bickerus in Hermete redivivo.*

* *Bezoldus conſideratione vitæ & mort. p. 76. ex Andræa Jociſio.*

the Gentry of the countrey, he gave himſelf over to all licentiouſneſſe : His body was the ſea wherein the tide of drunkenneſſe was ever ebbing and flowing ; for by putting his finger in his throat he uſed to ſpew out his drink and drunkenneſſe together, and from that inſtant date himſelf ſober to return to his cups again. Every moneth he had a new ſute, not for pride but neceſsity ; his apparel ſerving both for wearing and bedding : and having given his clothes many vomits, he gave them to the poore. Being Codrus over night, he would be Crœſus in the morning, fluſh of money as if he carried the inviſible Indies in his pocket : ſome ſuſpected the devil was his purſebearer, and that he carried a ſpirit in the pomel of his ſword his conſtant companion, whileſt others mainta in that by the heat of the furnace he could ripen any metall into gold.

All the diet he preſcribed his patients was this, to eat what, and how often, they thought fitting themſelves, and yet he did moſt ſtrange cures. Like the quickſilver (he ſo much dealt with) he would never be fixt in one place, or live any where longer then a twelvemoneth : for ſome obſerve that by that time the maladies reverted again, which he formerly cured. He gave ſo ſtrong phyſick as ſummoned Nature with all her force to expell the preſent diſeaſe, but the remnant dregs thereof afterwards reinforcing themſelves did aſſault Nature tired out with the violence of her former task, and eaſily ſubdued it.

His Scholars brag that the fragments of his learning would feaſt all the Philoſophers in the world, boaſting that the gout, the diſgrace of Phyſick, was the honour of Paracelſus, who by curing it removed that ſcandall from his profeſsion : whereas others ſay he had little Learning, and leſſe Latine. When any asked him the name of an herb he knew not, he would tell them there was no * uſe thereof in Phyſick ;

* *Beroldus ut priùs, pag. 77.*

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and yet this man would undertake not onely to cure men, but to cure the Art of curing men, and reform Physick it self.

As for his religion, it would as well pose himself as others to tell what it was. He boasted that shortly he would order Luther and the Pope, as well as he had done Galen and Hippocrates. He was never seen to pray, and seldome came to Church. He was not onely skilled in naturall Magick (the utmost bounds whereof border on the suburbs of hell) but is charged to converse constantly with familiars. Guilty he was of all vices but wantonnesse; and I find an * honest man his Compurgatour, that he was not given to women; perchance he drank himself into wantonnesse and past it, quenching the fire of his lust by piling fuell too hard and fast upon it.

* *Oporinus in Epist. de Paracelso.*

Boasting that he could make a man immortall, he himself died at fourty seven years in the City of Saltzburg. His Scholars say he was poysoned through the envy (that dark shadow ever waiting on a shining merit) and malice of his adversaries. However his body should have been so fenced with antidotes, that the battery of no poyson might make a breach therein; except we impute it more to his neglect then want of skill, and that rather his own security then his enemies malice brought him to his grave. But it may be he was willing to die, counting a twelvemoneths time enough to stay in one place, and fourty seven years long enough to live in one world. We may more admire that so beastly a drunkard lived so long, then that so skilfull a man died so soon. In a word, He boasted of more then he could do, did more cures seemingly then really, more cures really then lawfully; of more parts then learning, of more fame then parts; a better Physician then a man, and a better Chirurgeon then Physician.

Chap. 4.

The Controversiall Divine.

HE is Truths Champion to defend her against all adversaries, Atheists, Hereticks, Schismaticks, and Erroneous persons whatsoever. His sufficiency appears in Opposing, Answering, Moderating, and Writing.

Maxime 1 *He engageth both his judgement, and affections in opposing of falsehood.* Not like countrey Fencers, who play onely to make sport, but like Duellers indeed, at it for life and limbe; chiefly if the question be of large prospect, and great concernings, he is zealous in the quarrell. Yet some, though their judgement weigh down on one side, the beam of their affections stands so even, they care not which part prevails.

2 *In opposing a truth, he dissembles himself her foe, to be her better friend.* Wherefore he counts himself the greatest conquerour when Truth hath taken him captive. With Joseph having sufficiently sifted the matter in a disguise, he discovereth himself, * *I am Joseph your brother,* and then throws away his visard. Dishonest they, who though the debt be satisfied will never give up the bond, but continue wrangling, when the objection is answered.

* *Gen.* 45. 4.

3 *He abstains from all foul and railing language.* What? make the Muses, yea the Graces scolds? Such purulent spittle argues exulcerated lungs. Why should there be so much railing about the body of Christ? when there was none about the body of Moses in the Act kept betwixt the devil and Michael the Archangel.

4 *He tyrannizeth not over a weak and undermatch'd Adversary*; but seeks rather to cover his weaknesse if he be a modest man. When a Professour pressed an Answer-

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er (a better Christian then a Clerk) with an hard argument, *Reverende Professor* (said he) *ingenue confiteor me non posse respondere huic argumento.* To whom the Professour, *Recte respondes.*

In answering he states the question, and expoundeth the terms thereof. 5
Otherwise the disputants shall end, where they ought to have begun, in differences about words, and be Barbarians each to other, speaking in a Language neither understand. If the Question also be of Historicall cognizanse, he shews the pedigree thereof, who first brew'd it, who first broch'd it, and sends the wandring Errour with a pasport home to the place of its birth.

In taking away an objection he not onely puts by the thrust, 6
but breaks the weapon. Some rather escape then defeat an argument, and though by such an evasion they may shut the mouth of the Opponent, yet may they open the difficulty wider in the hearts of the hearers. But our Answerer either fairly resolves the doubt; or else shews the falseneese of the argument, by beggering the Opponent to maintain such a fruitfull generation of absurdities, as his argument hath begotten; or lastly returns and retorts it back upon him again. The first way unties the knot; the second cuts it asunder; the third whips the Opponent with the knot himself tyed. Sure 'tis more honour to be a clear Answerer, then a cunning Opposer, because the latter takes advantage of mans ignorance, which is ten times more then his knowledge.

What his answers want in suddenneese they have in solidity. 7
Indeed the speedy answer addes lustre to the disputation, and honour to the disputant; yet he makes good payment, who though he cannot presently throw the money out of his pocket, yet will pay it, if but going home to unlock his chest. Some that are not for speedy may be for sounder performance. When Melanchthon at the disputation of Ratisbon was

pressed with a shrewd argument by Ecchius, I will answer thee, said he, to morrow. Nay, said Ecchius, do it now or it's nothing worth. Yea, said Melanchthon, I seek the Truth, and not mine own Credit, and therefore it will be as good if I answer thee to * morrow by Gods assistance.

* *Melchior Adam. in vitis Germ. Theolog. p.* 339.

8 *In moderating he sides with the Answerer, if the Answerer sides with the truth.* But if he be conceited, & opinioned of his own sufficiency, he lets him swound before he gives him any hot water. If a Paradox-monger, loving to hold strange yea dangerous Opinions, he counts it charity to suffer such a one to be beaten without mercy, that he may be weaned from his wilfulnesse. For the main, he is so a staff to the Answerer, that he makes him stand on his own legs.

9 *In writing, his Latine is pure, so farre as the subject will allow.* For those who are to climbe the Alpes are not to expect a smooth and even way. True it is that Schoolmen, perceiving that fallacy had too much covert under the nap of flourishing Language, used thredbare Latine on purpose, and cared not to trespasse on Grammar, and tread down the fences thereof to avoid the circuit of words, and to go the neerest way to expresse their conceits. But our Divine though he useth barbarous School-terms, which like standers are fixt to the controversie, yet in his moveable Latine, passages, and digressions his style is pure and elegant.

10 *He affects clearnesse and plainnesse in all his writings.* Some mens heads are like the world before God said unto it, *Fiat lux*. These dark-lanterns may shine to themselves, and understand their own conceits, but no body else can have light from them. Thus Matthias Farinator Professour at Vienna, assisted with some other learned men, as the Times then went, was thirty years making a book of applying Plato's, Aristotle's, and Galen's rules in Philosophy, to Christ and his Prophets, and 'tis call'd * *Lumen animæ; quo tamen nihil est caliginosius,*

* *Mercator Atlas in the descrip. of Austria.*

caliginosius, labore magno, sed ridiculo, & inani. But this obscurity is worst when affected, when they do as Persius, of whom * one saith, *Legi voluit quæ scripsit, intelligi noluit quæ legerentur.* Some affect this darkness, that they may be accounted profound, whereas one is not bound to believe that all the water is deep that is muddy.

* *Scalig. de Arte poet. lib. 6. c. 6.*

11 *He is not curious in searching matters of no moment.* Captain Martin * Forbisher fetcht from the fartheſt northern Countries a ships lading of minerall stones (as he thought) which afterwards were cast out to mend the high wayes. Thus are they served, and misse their hopes, who long seeking to extract hidden mysteries out of nice questions, leave them off, as useless at last. Antoninus Pius, for his desire to search to the least differences, was called *Cumini sector*, the Carver of cumine seed. One need not be so accurate: for as soon shall one scowr the spots out of the moon, as all ignorance out of man. When Eunomius the Heretick vaunted that he knew God and his divinity, S. * Basil gravells him in 21 questions about the body of an ant or pismire: so dark is mans understanding. I wonder therefore at the boldness of some, who as if they were Lord Mashalls of the Angels place them in ranks and files. Let us not believe them here, but rather go to heaven to confute them.

* *Cambdens Elisab. anno. 1576.*

* *Epist. 168. quæ est ad Eunomium.*

12 *He neither multiplies needlesse, nor compounds necessary Controversies.* Sure they light on a labour in vain, who seek to make a bridge of reconciliation over the μέγα χάσμα betwixt Papists and Protestants; for though we go 99 steps, they (I mean their Church) will not come one to give us a meeting. And as for the offers of Clara's and private men (besides that they seem to be more of the nature of baits then gifts) they may make large profers, without any Commission to treat, and so the Romish Church not bound to pay their promises. In * Merionethshire in Wales there are high mountains,

* *Giraldus Camb. in descr. of Wales.*

mountains, whoſe hanging tops come ſo cloſe together that ſhepherds on the tops of ſeverall hills may audibly talk together, yet will it be a dayes journey for their bodies to meet, ſo vaſt is the hallowneſſe of the vallies betwixt them. Thus upon ſound ſearch ſhall we find a grand diſtance and remoteneſſe betwixt Popiſh and Proteſtant tenents to reconcile them, which at the firſt view may ſeem near, and tending to an accomodation.

13 *He is reſolute and ſtable in fundamentall points of Religion.* Theſe are his fixed poles, and axletree about which he moves, whileſt they ſtand unmoveable. Some ſail ſo long on the Sea of controverſies, toſſ'd up and down, to and fro, *Pro* and *Con*, that the very ground to them ſeems to move, and their judgements grow ſcepticall and unſtable in the moſt ſettled points of Divinity. When he cometh to Preach, eſpecially if to a plain Auditory, with the Paracelſians he extracts an oyl out of the drieſt and hardeſt bodies, and knowing that knotty timber is unfit to build with, he edifies people with eaſie and profitable matter.

WILLIAM WHITACRES Dr. of D: Kinges Professor and Master of Snt Iohns Coll in Cambridge. where He died Anº 1595. Aged 47 yeares.

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CHAP. 5.

The life of Dr. VVHITAKER.

WIlliam Whitaker born at Holm in the County of Lancaster of good parentage, especially by his mothers side, allied to two worshipfull families. His reverend unckle, Alexander Nowell, Dean of S. Pauls (the first fruits of the English Confessours in the dayes of Queen Marie, who after her death first return'd into England from beyond the Seas) took him young from his parents, sent him first to Pauls

School, thence to Trinity Colledge in Cambridge; where he ſo profited in his ſtudies, that he gave great promiſes of his future perfection.

I paſſe by his youthfull exerciſes, never ſtriving for the garland, but he wonne and wore it away. His prime appearing to the world, was when he ſtood for the Profeſſours place againſt two Competitours, in age farre his ſuperiours. But the ſeven Electours in the Univerſitie who were to chooſe the Emperour of the Schools, preferring a golden head before ſilver hairs, conferr'd the place on Whitaker; and the ſtrict form of their Election hath no room for corruption. He ſo well acquitted himſelf in the place that he anſwered expectation, the ſtrongeſt opponent in all diſputes and lectures, and by degrees taught envie to admire him.

By this time the Papiſts began to aſſault him, and the Truth. Firſt Campian, one fitter for a Trumpeter then a Souldier, whoſe beſt ability was that he could boaſt in good Latine, being excellent at the flat hand of Rhetorick (which rather gives pats then blows) but he could not bend his fiſt to diſpute. Whitaker both in writing and diſputing did teach him, that it was eaſier to make then maintain a challenge againſt our Church; and in like manner he handled both Duræus, and Sanders, who ſucceſsively undertook the ſame cauſe, ſolidly confuting their arguments.

But theſe Teazers, rather to rouze then pinch the Game, onely made Whitaker find his ſpirits. The fierceſt dog is behind even Bellarmine himſelf, a great ſcholar, and who wanted nothing but a good cauſe to defend, and generally writing ingeniouſly, uſing ſometimes ſlenting, ſeldome down-right railing. Whitaker gave him all fair quarter, ſtating the queſtion betwixt them, yielding all which the other in reaſon could ask, and agreeing on terms to fall out with him, plaid fairly but fiercely on him, till the other forſook the field.

Bellarmine

Bellarmine had no mind to reinforce his routed arguments, but rather consigned over that service to a new Generall, Stapleton an Englisſh man: He was born the same * yeare and moneth wherein S^r. Thomas More was beheaded, an obſervation little leſſe then myſticall with the Papiſts, as if God had ſubſtituted him to grow up in the room of the other for the ſupport of the Catholick cauſe. If Whitaker in anſwering him put more gall then uſuall into his ink, Stapleton (whoſe mouth was as foul as his cauſe) firſt infected him with bitterneſſe: and none will blame a man for arming his hands with hard and rough gloves, who is to meddle with bryers and brambles.

* *Pitzæus, De illuſt. Angl. ſcrip. Ætat. 16. pag. 796.*

Thus they baited him conſtantly with freſh dogs: None that ran at him once deſired a ſecond courſe at him; and as * one obſerves, *Cum nullo hoſte unquam conflixit, quem non fudit & fugavit.*

* *Davenant. in Præfat. De Judice & Norma fidei.*

He filled the Chair with a gracefull preſence, ſo that one needed not to do with him as * Luther did with Melanchthon when he firſt heard him reade, abſtract the opinion and ſight of his ſtature and perſon, leſt the meanneſſe thereof ſhould cauſe an undervaluing of him: for our Whitakers perſon carried with it an excellent port. His ſtyle was manly for the ſtrength, maidenly for the modeſty, and elegant for the phraſe thereof; ſhewing his skill in ſpinning a fine thred out of courſe wool, for ſuch is controverſiall matter. He had by his ſecond wife, a modeſt woman, eight children. It being true of him alſo, what is ſaid of the famous Lawyer * Andreas Tiraquillus, *ſingulis annis ſingulos libros & liberos Reipublicæ dedit.*

* *In epiſt. ad Spalatinum.*

* *Thuanus, obit. doct. vir. anno* 1558.

My Father hath told me, that he often wiſhed that he might loſe ſo much Learning as he had gotten in after-ſupper ſtudies, on condition he might gain ſo much ſtrength as he had loſt thereby. Indeed his body was ſtrongly built for the naturall temper, and well

repair'd by his temperate diet and recreations; but first he foundred the foundation of this house by immoderate study, and at last the roof was set on fire by a hot disease.

The unhappy controversie was then started, Whether justifying faith may be lost. And this thorny question would not suffer our Nightingale to sleep. He was sent for up by Arch-bishop Whitgift to the conference at Lambeth, after which returning home, unseasonable riding, late studying, and night-watching brought him to a burning-fever, to which his body was naturally disposed, as appeared by the mastery of redness in his complexion. Thus lost he the health of his body, in maintaining, That the health of the soul could not be lost. All agreed that he should be let bloud; which might then easily have been done, but was deferred by the fault of some about him, till it was too late. Thus, when God intends to cut a mans life off, his dearest friends by dangerous involuntarie mistakes shall bring the knife. He died in the 47. yeare of his age, *Anno Dom.* 1595. and in S. Johns Colledge (whereof he was Master) was solemnly interred, with the grief of the University, and whole Church of God.

CHAP. 6.

Chap. 6.

The true Church Antiquary.

HE is a traveller into former times, whence he hath learnt their language and fashions. If he meets with an old manuscript, which hath the mark worn out of its mouth, and hath lost the date, yet he can tell the age thereof either by the phrase or character.

He baits at middle Antiquity, but lodges not till he comes at that which is ancient indeed. Some scoure off the rust of old inscriptions into their own souls, cankering themselves with superstition, having read so often *Orate pro anima*, that at last they fall a praying for the departed; and they more lament the ruine of Monasteryes, then the decay and ruine of Monks lives, degenerating from their ancient piety and painfulnesse. Indeed a little skill in Antiquity inclines a man to Popery; but depth in that study brings him about again to our religion. A Nobleman who had heard of the extreme age of one dwelling not farre off, made a journey to visit him, and finding an aged person sitting in the chimney-corner, addressed himself unto him with admiration of his age, till his mistake was rectified: for, *Oh Sr*, (said the young-old man) *I am not he whom you seek for, but his sonne; my father is farther off in the field.* The same errour is daily comitted by the Romish Church, adoring the reverend brow and gray hairs of some ancient Ceremonyes, perchance but of some seven or eight hundred years standing in the Church, and mistake these for their fathers, of farre greater age in the Primitive times. *Maxime* 1.

He desires to imitate the ancient Fathers, as well in their Piety, as in their Postures. Not onely conforming his hands and knees, but chiefly his heart to their 2

pattern. O the holineſſe of their living and painfulneſſe of their preaching! how full were they of mortified thoughts, and heavenly meditations! Let us not make the ceremoniall part of their lives onely Canonicall, and the morall part thereof altogether Apocrypha, imitating their devotion not in the fineneſſe of the ſtuff, but onely in the faſhion of the making.

3 *He carefully marks the declination of the Church from the Primitive purity.* Obſerving how ſometimes humble devotion was contented to lie down, whileſt proud ſuperſtition got on her back. Yea not onely Frederick the Emperour, but many a godly Father ſome hundreds of years before held the Pope's ſtirrop, and by their well-meaning ſimplicity gave occaſion to his future greatneſſe. He takes notice how their Rhetorical hyperboles were afterwards accounted the juſt meaſure of dogmaticall truths; How plain people took them at their word in their funerall apoſtrophes to the dead; How praying for the departed brought the fuell, under which after-ages kindled the fire of Purgatory; How one Ceremony begat another, there being no bounds in will-worſhip, wherewith one may ſooner be wearied then ſatisfied; the inventours of new Ceremonyes endeavouring to ſupply in number, what their conceits want in ſolidity; How mens ſouls being in the full ſpeed and career of the Hiſtoricall uſe of Pictures could not ſtop ſhort, but muſt laſh out into ſuperſtition, vailing their bonnets to Rome in civill courteſie, when making honourable mention thereof, are interpreted by modern Papiſts to have done it in adoration of the idole of the Popes infallibility. All theſe things he ponders in his heart, obſerving both the times and places, when and where they happened.

4 *He is not zealous for the introducing of old uſeleſſe Ceremonies.* The miſchief is, ſome that are moſt violent to bring

bring ſuch in, are moſt negligent to preach the cautions in uſing them; and ſimple people, like Children in eating of fiſh, ſwallow bones and all to their danger of choking. Beſides, what is obſerved of horſe-hairs, that lying nine dayes in water they turn to ſnakes; ſo ſome Ceremonies though dead at firſt, in continuance of time quicken, get ſtings, and may do much miſchief, eſpecially if in ſuch an age wherein the meddling of ſome have juſtly awaked the jealouſie of all. When many Popiſh tricks are abroad in the countrey; if then men meet with a Ceremony which is a ſtranger, eſpecially if it can give but a bad account of it ſelf, no wonder if the watch take it up for one on ſuſpicion.

5 *He is not peremptory but conjecturall in doubtfull matters.* Not forcing others to his own opinion, but leaving them to their own libertie; not filling up all with his own conjectures to leave no room for other men: nor tramples he on their credits, if in them he finds ſlips and miſtakes. For here our ſouls have but one eye (the Apoſtle ſaith, *we know in part*) be not proud if that chance to come athwart thy ſeeing ſide, which meets with the blind ſide of another.

6 *He thankfully acknowledgeth thoſe by whom he hath profited.* Baſe natured they, who when they have quenched their own thirſt, ſtop up, at leaſt muddy, the fountain. But our Antiquary, if he be not the firſt Founder of a commendable conceit, contents himſelf to be a Benefactour to it in clearing and adorning it.

7 *He affects not phancy-full ſingularity in his behaviour*: Not cares he to have a proper mark in writing of words, to diſguiſe ſome peculiar letter from the ordinary character. Others, for fear travellers ſhould take no notice that skill in Antiquity dwells in ſuch an head, hang out an antique hat for the ſigne, or uſe ſome obſolete

obsolete garb in their garments, gestures, or discourse.

8 *He doth not so adore the Ancients as to despise the Modern.* Grant them but dwarfs, yet stand they on giants shoulders, and may see the further. Sure, as stout champions of Truth follow in the rere, as ever march'd in the front. Besides, as * one excellently observes, *Antiquitas seculi juventus mundi.* These times are the ancient times, when the world is ancient; and not those which we count ancient *ordine retrogrado*, by a computation backwards from our selves.

* *Sr. Fran. Bacon Advance. of learn. p. 46.*

Chap. 7.

The generall Artist.

I Know the generall cavill against generall learning is this, that *aliquis in omnibus est nullus in singulis.* He that sips of many arts, drinks of none. However we must know, that all learning, which is but one grand Science, hath so homogeneall a body, that the parts thereof do with a mutuall service relate to, and communicate strength and lustre each to other. Our Artist knowing language to be the key of learning, thus begins.

Maxime 1 *His tongue being but one by nature he gets cloven by art and industry.* Before the confusion of Babel, all the world was one continent in language; since divided into severall tongues, as severall ilands. Grammer is the ship, by benefit whereof we passe from one to another, in the learned languages generally spoken in no countrey. His mother-tongue was like the dull musick of a monochord, which by study he turns into the harmony of severall instruments.

2 *He first gaineth skill in the Latine and Greek tongues.* On the

the credit of the former alone, he may trade in diſcourſe over all Chriſtendome: But the Greek, though not ſo generally ſpoken, is known with no leſſe profit, and more pleaſure. The joynts of her compounded words are ſo naturally oyled, that they run nimbly on the tongue; which makes them though long never tedious, becauſe ſignificant. Beſides, it is full and ſtately in ſound: onely it pities our Artiſt to ſee the vowels therein rackt in pronouncing them, hanging oftentimes one way by their native force, and haled another by their accents which countermand them.

3 *Hence he proceeds to the Hebrew, the mother-tongue of the world.* More pains then quickneſſe of wit is required to get it, and with daily exerciſe he continues it. Apoſtacy herein is uſuall to fall totally from the language by a little neglect. As for the Arabick, and other Orientall languages, he rather makes ſallies and incurſions into them, then any ſolemn ſitting down before them.

4 *Then he applies his ſtudy to Logick, and Ethicks.* The latter makes a mans ſoul mannerly & wiſe; but as for Logick, that is the armory of reaſon, furniſhed with all offenſive and defenſive weapons. There are Syllogiſmes, long ſwords; Enthymems, ſhort daggers; Dilemma's, two-edged ſwords that cut on both ſides; Sorites, chain-ſhot: And for the defenſive, Diſtinctions, which are ſhields; Retortions, which are targets with a pike in the midſt of them, both to defend and oppoſe. From hence he raiſeth his ſtudies to the knowledge of Phyſicks, the great hall of Nature, and Metaphyſicks the cloſet thereof; and is carefull not to wade therein ſo farre, till by ſubtle diſtinguiſhing of notions he confounds himſelf.

5 *He is skilfull in Rhetorick, which gives a ſpeech colour, as Logick doth favour, and both together beauty.* Though ſome condemne Rhetorick as the mother of lies, ſpeaking more then the truth in Hyperboles, leſſe in her Mioſis,

otherwiſe in her metaphors, contrary in her ironies; yet is there excellent uſe of all theſe, when diſpoſed of with judgement. Nor is he a ſtranger to Poetry, which is muſick in words; nor to Muſick, which is poetry in ſound: both excellent ſauce, but they have liv'd and died poore, that made them their meat.

6 *Mathematicks he moderately ſtudieth to his great contentment.* Uſing it as ballaſt for his ſoul, yet to fix it not to ſtall it; nor ſuffers he it to be ſo unmannerly as to juſtle out other arts. As for judiciall Aſtrology (which hath the leaſt judgement in it) this vagrant hath been whipt out of all learned corporations. If our Artiſt lodgeth her in the out-rooms of his ſoul for a night or two, it is rather to heare then believe her relations.

7 *Hence he makes his progreſſe into the ſtudy of Hiſtory.* Neſtor, who lived three ages, was accounted the wiſeſt man in the world. But the Hiſtorian may make himſelf wiſe by living as many ages as have paſt ſince the beginning of the world. His books enable him to maintain diſcourſe, who beſides the ſtock of his own experience may ſpend on the common purſe of his reading. This directs him in his life, ſo that he makes the ſhipwracks of others ſea-marks to himſelf; yea accidents which others ſtart from for their ſtrangenes, he welcomes as his wonted acquaintance, having found preſidents for them formerly. Without Hiſtory a mans ſoul is purblind, ſeeing onely the things which almoſt touch his eyes.

8 *He is well ſeen in Chronology, without which Hiſtory is but an heap of tales.* If by the Laws of the land he is counted a Naturall, who hath not wit enough to tell twenty, or to tell his * age; he ſhall not paſſe with me for wiſe in learning, who cannot tell the age of the world, and count hundreds of years: I mean not ſo critically, as to ſolve all doubts ariſing thence; but that he may be able to give ſome tolerable account thereof. He is alſo acquainted

*Fits Herbert de nat.brev. de Idiota inquiren.

quainted with Coſmography, treating of the world in whole joynts; with Chorography, ſhredding it into countries; and with Topography, mincing it into particular places.

Thus taking theſe Sciences in their generall latitude, he hath finiſhed the round circle or golden ring of the arts; onely he keeps a place for the diamond to be ſet in, I mean for that predominant profeſsion of Law, Phyſick, Divinity, or State-policie, which he intends for his principall Calling hereafter.

CHAP. 8.

Iulius Cæsar SCALIGER. *a great Restorer of Learninge. He died at Agen in France. Anº. Dñi. 1558. aged 75 yeares.* W.M. sculp:

Chap. 8.

The life of Julius Scaliger.

I Know my choice herein is liable to much exception. Some will make me the pattern of ignorance, for making this Scaliger the pattern of the generall Artiſt, whoſe own ſonne Joſeph might have been his father in many arts. But all things conſidered, the choice will appear well adviſed, even in ſuch variety of examples. Yet let him know that undertakes to pick out the beſt ear amongſt an acre of wheat, that he

he ſhall leave as good if not a better behind him, then that which he chooſeth.

He was born *Anno* 1484. in Italie, at the Caſtle of Ripa upon lacus Benacus, now called *Lago di Garda*, of the illuſtrious and noble family of the Scaligers, Princes, for many hundreds of years, of Verona, till at laſt the Venetians outed them of their ancient inheritance. Being about eleven years old, he was brought to the Court of Maximilian Emperour of Germany, where for ſeventeen years together he was taught learning, and military diſcipline. I paſſe by his valiant performances atchieved by him, ſave that this one action of his is ſo great and ſtrong, it cannot be kept in ſilence, but will be recorded.

In the cruel battel at Ravenna betwixt the Emperour and the French, he not onely bravely fetch'd off the dead bodies of Benedictus and Titus his father and brother, but alſo with his own hands reſcued the Eagle (the ſtandard Imperiall) which was taken by the enemies. For which his proweſſe Maximilian knighted him, and with his own hands put on him the golden ſpurres, and chain, the badges of knight-hood.

Amidſt theſe his Martiall employments he made many a clandeſtine match with the Muſes, and whileſt he expected the tides and returns of buſineſſe, he fill'd up the empty places of leiſure with his ſtudies. Well did the Poets feigne Pallas Patroneſſe of arts and armes, there being ever good intelligence betwixt the two Profeſsions, and as it were but a narrow cut to ferry over out of one into the other. At laſt Scaliger ſounded a retreat to himſelf from the warres, and wholly applyed himſelf to his book, eſpecially after his wandring life was fixed by marriage unto the beautifull Andietta Lobeiaca, with whom he lived at Agin, near Montpeliar in France.

His Latine was twice refined, and moſt criticall, as pears by his own writings, and notes on other Au-

thours. He was an accurate Grecian, yet began to ſtudy it, when well nigh fourty years old, when a mans tongue is too ſtiff to bow to words. What a torture was it to him who flowed with ſtreams of matter then to learn words, yea letters, drop by drop? But nothing was unconquerable to his pains, who had a golden wit in an iron body. Let his book of Subtilties witneſſe his profound skill in Logick, and Naturall Philoſophy.

His skill in Phyſick was as great, as his practice therein was happy; in ſo much that he did many ſtrange and admirable cures. Heare how a * noble and learned pen doth commend him:

* *Stephanus Boetius Regius Senator Burdigolæ ad Vidum Braſſacum Præſidem.*

Non hunc fefellit ulla vis recondita
Salubris herbæ, ſaltibus ſi quam aviis
Celat nivoſus Caucaſus, ſeu quam procul
Riphæa duro contigit rupes gelu.
Hic jamq; ſpectantes ad orcum non ſemel
Animas repreſsit victor, & membris ſuis
Hærere ſuccis compulit felicibus,
Nigriq; avaras Ditis eluſit manus.

On ſnowy Caucaſus there grew no root
Of ſecret power, but he was privy to 't;
On cold Riphean hills no ſimple grew,
But he the force thereof and virtue knew.
Wherewith (apply'd by his ſucceſſefull art)
Such ſullen ſouls as would this world depart,
He forc'd ſtill in their bodies to remain,
And from deaths doore fetch'd others back again.

As for his skill in Phyſiognomy, it was wonderfull. I know ſome will ſay, that cannot be read in mens faces which was never wrote there, and that he that ſeeks to find the diſpoſition of mens ſouls in the figures of their bodies, looks for letters on the backſide of

of the book. Yet is it credibly * averred that he never look'd on his infant-ſonne Audectus but with grief, as ſorrow-ſtruck with ſome ſad ſigne of ill ſucceſſe he ſaw in his face: which child at laſt was found ſtifled in bed with the embraces of his nurce being faſt a-ſleep.

* *In vita Jul. Scalig. p. 54.*

In Mathematicks he was no Archimedes, though he ſhewed his skill therein with the beſt advantage, and ſtood therein on his tiptoes, that his learning might ſeem the taller.

But in Poetry his over-meaſure of skill might make up this defect, as is atteſted by his book *de Arte Poetica*. Yet his own Poems are harſh, and unſmooth, (as if he rather ſnorted then ſlept on Parnaſſus) and they ſound better to the brain then the eare. Indeed his cenſure in Poetry was incomparable; but he was more happy in repairing of Poems then in building them from the ground, which ſpeaks his judgement to be better then his invention.

What ſhall I ſpeak of his skill in Hiſtory? whoſe own actions were a ſufficient Hiſtory. He was excellently verſ'd in the paſſages of the world, both modern and ancient. Many modern languages, which departed from Babel in a confuſion, met in his mouth in a method, being skilfull in the Sclavonick tongue, the Hungarian, Dutch, Italian, Spaniſh, and French.

But theſe his excellent parts were attended with prodigious pride; and he had much of the humour of the Ottomans in him, to kill all his brethren, and cry down all his equalls, which were corrivalls with him in the honour of arts, which was his principall quarrell with Cardan. Great was his ſpight at Eraſmus, the morning-ſtarre of learning, and one by whom Julius himſelf had profited, though afterwards he ſought to put out that candle whereat he had lighted his own. In the bickering betwixt them, Eraſmus pluckt Scaliger

ger by the long locks of his immoderate boasting, and touched him to the quick (a proud man lies pat for a jeering mans hand to hit) yea Erasmus was a badger in his jeeres, where he did bite he would make his teeth meet. Nor came Scaliger behind him in railing. However afterward Scaliger repented of his bitterneſſe, and before his death was * reconciled unto him.

* *Thuan. obit. Illuſtr. Anno.* 1558.

Thus his learning, being in the circuit of arts, ſpread ſo wide, no wonder if it lay thinne in ſome places. His parts were nimble, that ſtarting ſo late he overtook, yea overran his equalls: ſo that we may ſafely conclude that making abatement for his military avocations, and late applying himſelf to ſtudy, ſcarce any one is to be preferred before him for generality of humane learning. He died *Anno* 1558. in the 75. yeare of his age.

Chap. 9.

The faithfull Miniſter.

WE ſuppoſe him not brought up by hand onely in his own countrey ſtudies, but that he hath ſuckt of his Mother Univerſity, and throughly learnt the arts: Not as S. * Rumball, who is ſaid to have ſpoken as ſoon as he was born, doth he preach as ſoon as he is Matriculated. Conceive him now a Graduate in arts, and entred into orders, according to the ſolemn form of the Church of England, and preſented by ſome Patrone to a paſtorall charge, or place equivalent, and then let us ſee how well he diſchargeth his office.

* *Camb. Brit. in Northamptonſhire.*

Maxime 1 *He endeavours to get the generall love and good will of his pariſh.* This he doth not ſo much to make a benefit of them, as a benefit for them, that his miniſtry may be more effectuall; otherwiſe he may preach his own heart out, before he preacheth any thing into theirs.

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The good conceit of the Physician is half a cure, and his practice will scarce be happy where his person is hated; yet he humours them not in his Doctrine to get their love: for such a spanniel is worse then a dumbe dog. He shall sooner get their good will by walking uprightly, then by crouching and creeping. If pious living and painfull labouring in his calling will not win their affections, he counts it gain to lose them. As for those which causelessely hate him, he pities and prayes for them: and such there will be; I should suspect his preaching had no salt in it, if no gald horse didwinse

2 *He is strict in ordering his conversation.* As for those who clense blurres with blotted fingers, they make it the worse. It was said of one who preach'd very well, & liv'd very ill, *That when he was out of the Pulpit, it was pity he should ever go into it, & when he was in the Pulpit, it was pity he should ever come out of it*: But our Minister lives Sermons. And yet I deny not but dissolute men, like unskilfull horsemen which open a gate on the wrong side, may by the virtue of their office open heaven for others, and shut themselves out.

3 *His behaviour towards his people is grave and courteous.* Not too austere and retired; which is laid to the charge of good Mr * Hooper the martyr, that his rigidnesse frighted people from consulting with him. *Let your light* (saith Christ) *shine before men*; whereas over reservedneſſe makes the brightest virtue burn dimme. Especially he detesteth affected gravity (which is rather on men then in them) whereby some belie their register-book, antedate their age to seem farre older then they are, and plait and set their brows in an affected sadnesse. Whereas S* Anthony the Monk might have been known among hundreds of his order by his cheerfull face, he having ever (though a most mortified man) a merry countenance.

* *Fox, Acts and Mon. in his life.*

* *Athanasius in ejus vita.*

4 *He doth not clash Gods ordinances together about precedency.* Not making odious comparisons betwixt Prayer and

Preaching, Preaching and Catechising, Publick prayer and Private, Premeditate prayer and *Ex tempore*. When at the taking of new Carthage in Spain two Souldiers contended about the Murall crown (due to him who first climbed the walls) so that the whole army was thereupon in danger of division, * Scipio the Generall said, He knew that they both got up the wall together, and so gave the Scaling crown to them both. Thus our Minister compounds all controversies betwixt Gods ordinances, by praysing them all, practising them all, and thanking God for them all. He counts the reading of Common-prayers to prepare him the better for preaching; and as one said, if he did first toll the bell on one side, it made it afterwards ring out the better in his Sermons.

* *Plutarch in Scipio's life, pag.* 1807.

5 *He carefully Catechiseth his people in the elements of religion.* Except he hath (a rare thing) a flock without lambs, all of old sheep; and yet even Luther did not scorn to professe himself *Discipulum Catechismi*, a scholar of the Catechisme. By this Catechising the Gospel first got ground of Popery; and let not our Religion now grown rich be ashamed of that which first gave it credit and set it up, lest the Jesuites beat us at our own weapon. Through the want of this Catechising many which are well skilled in some dark out-corners of Divinity have lost themselves in the beaten road thereof.

6 *He will not offer to God of that which costs him nothing*; but takes pains aforehand for his Sermons. * Demosthenes never made any oration on the sudden; yea being called upon he never rose up to speak, except he had well studied the matter: and he was wont to say, *That he shewed how he honoured and reverenced the people of Athens because he was carefull what he spake unto them.* Indeed if our Minister be surprised with a sudden occasion, he counts himself rather to be excused then commended, if premeditating onely the bones of his Sermon he clothes

* *Plutarch in the life of Demosth.*

clothes it with flesh *ex tempore*. As for those, whose long custome hath made preaching their nature, that they can discourse Sermons without study, he accounts their examples rather to be admired then imitated.

Having brought his Sermon into his head, he labours to bring it into his heart, before he preaches it to his people. Surely that preaching which comes from the soul most works on the soul. Some have questioned ventriloquie, when men strangely speak out of their bellies, whether it can be done lawfully or no: might I coin the word *cordiloquie*, when men draw the doctrines out of their hearts, sure all would count this lawfull and commendable. 7 8

He chiefly reproves the raigning sins of the time, and place he lives in. We may observe that our Saviour never inveighed against Idolatry, Usury, Sabbath-breaking amongst the Jews; not that these were not sins, but they were not practised so much in that age, wherein wickednesse was spun with a finer thred: and therefore Christ principally bent the drift of his preaching against spirituall Pride, Hypocrisie, and Traditions then predominant amongst the people. Also our Minister confuteth no old Heresies which time hath confuted; nor troubles his Auditory with such strange, hideous cases of Conscience, that it is more hard to find the case then the resolution. In publick reproving of sinne, he ever whips the vice, and spares the person.

He doth not onely move the bread of life, and tosse it up and down in generalities, but also breaks it into particular directions: drawing it down to cases of Conscience, that a man may be warranted in his particular actions, whether they be lawfull or not. And he teacheth people their lawfull liberty as well as their restraints and prohibitions; for amongst men it is as ill taken to turn back favours, as to disobey commands. 9

The places of Scripture he quotes are pregnant and pertinent. 10

As for heaping up of many quotations, it ſmacks of a vain oſtentation of memory. Beſides, it is as impoſſible that the hearer ſhould profitably retain them all, as that the preacher hath ſeriouſly peruſed them all: yea, whileſt the auditours ſtop their attention, and ſtoop down to gather an impertinent quotation, the Sermon runs on, and they loſe more ſubſtantiall matter.

11 *His ſimiles and illuſtrations are alwayes familiar, never contemptible.* Indeed reaſons are the pillars of the fabrick of a Sermon, but ſimilitudes are the windows which give the beſt light. He avoids ſuch ſtories whoſe mention may ſuggeſt bad thoughts to the auditours, and will not uſe a light compariſon to make thereof a grave application, for fear leſt his poyſon go farther then his antidote.

12 *He provideth not onely wholſome but plentifull food for his people.* Almoſt incredible was the painfulneſſe of Baronius, the compiler of the voluminous Annals of the Church, who for thirty years together preached * three or foure times aweek to the people. As for our Miniſter, he preferreth rather to entertain his people with wholſome cold meat which was on the table before, then with that which is hot from the ſpit, raw and half roaſted. Yet in repetition of the ſame Sermon, every edition hath a new addition, if not of new matter of new affections. *Of whom*, ſaith S. Paul, *we have told you often, and now we tell you weeping.*

* *The words being ſomwhat ambiguous are thus*, In audiendis confeſſionibus, & ſermonibus ad populum ter in hebdomada quatérve habendis per triginta & ampliùs annos diligentiſſimâ aſſiduitate laboravit, *Spondanus in vita Baronii, pag. 2. part. 7.*

13 *He makes not that weariſome, which ſhould ever be welcome.* Wherefore his Sermons are of an ordinary length except on an extraordinary occaſion. What a gift had John * Haſelbach, Profeſſour at Vienna, in tediouſneſſe? who being to expound the Prophet Eſay to his auditours read twenty one years on the firſt Chapter, and yet finiſhed it not.

* *Mercator Atlas in the deſcrip. of Auſtria.*

14 *He counts the ſucceſſe of his Miniſtry the greateſt preferment.* Yet herein God hath humbled many painfull paſtours, in

in making them to be clouds to rain, not over Arabia the happy, but over the stonie or desert: so that they may complain with the Herdsman in the Poet,

Heu mihi, quam pingui macer est mihi taurus in arvo?
My starveling bull,
Ah woe is me,
In pasture full,
How lean is he?

Yet such Pastours may comfort themselves that great is their reward with God in heaven, who measures it not by their successe but endeavours. Besides, though they see not, their people may feel benefit by their Ministry. Yea the preaching of the Word in some places is like the planting of woods, where though no profit is received for twenty years together, it comes afterwards. And grant, that God honours thee not to build his temple in thy parish, yet thou maist with David provide metall and materialls for Solomon thy successour to build it with.

To sick folks he comes sometimes before he is sent for, as counting his vocation a sufficient calling. None of his flock shall want the extreme unction of Prayer and Counsell. Against the Communion especially he endeavours that Janus his temple be shut in the whole parish, and that all be made friends. 15

He is never plaintiff in any suit but to be rights defendant. If his dues be detained from him, he grieves more for his parishioners bad conscience then his own damage. He had rather suffer ten times in his profit, then once in his title, where not onely his person, but posterity is wronged: And then he proceeds fairly and speedily to a tryall, that he may not vex and weary others, but right himself. During his suit he neither breaks off nor slacks offices of courtesie to his adversary; yea though he loseth his suit, he will not also lose his charity. Chiefly he is respectfull to his Patrone, that as 16

he presented him freely to his living, so he constantly presents his Patrone in his prayers to God.

17 *He is moderate in his tenets and opinions.* Not that he gilds over lukewarmnesse in matters of moment with the title of discretion, but withall he is carefull not to entitle violence in indifferent and in concerning matters to be zeal. Indeed men of extraordinary tallnesse, (though otherwise little deserving) are made porters to lords, & those of unusuall littlenesse are made ladies dwarfs, whilest men of moderate stature may want masters. Thus many notorious for extremities may find favourers to preferre them, whilest moderate men in the middle truth may want any to advance them. But what saith the Apostle? *If in this life onely we had hope we are of all men the most miserable.*

18 *He is sociable and willing to do any courtesie for his neighbour Ministers.* He willingly communicates his knowledge unto them. Surely the gifts and graces of Christians lay in common, till base envy made the first enclosure. He neither slighteth his inferiours; nor repineth at those who in parts and credit are above him. He loveth the company of his neighbour Ministers. Sure as ambergreece is nothing so sweet in it self, as when it is compounded with other things; so both godly and learned men are gainers by communicating themselves to their neighbours.

19 *He is carefull in the discreet ordering of his own family.* A good Minister and a good father may well agree together. When a certain Frenchman came to visit * Melanchthon, he found him in his stove with one hand dandling his child in the swadling-clouts, and in the other hand holding a book and reading it. Our Minister also is as hospitable as his estate will permit, and makes every almes two by his cheerfull giving it. He loveth also to live in a well-repaired house, that he may serve God therein more cheerfully. A Clergieman who built his house from the ground,

* *Pantaleon de Illustr. Germ. in vita Melanch.*

ground wrote in it this counsell to his successour,

If thou dost find an house built to thy mind
Without thy cost,
Serve thou the more God and the poore;
My labour is not lost.

Lying on his deathbed he bequeaths to each of his parishioners his precepts and example for a legacie: and they in requitall erect every one a monument for him in their hearts. He is so farre from that base jealousie that his memory should be outshined by a brighter successour, and from that wicked desire that his people may find his worth by the worthlesnesse of him that succeeds, that he doth heartily pray to God to provide them a better Pastour after his decease. As for outward estate, he commonly lives in too bare pasture to die fat: It is well if he hath gathered any flesh, being more in blessing then bulk.

William Stempson

CHAP. 10.

WILLIAM PERKINS *The Learned, pious, and painfull Preacher of Gods word, at S^t Andrewes in* Cambridge *where He died Anno Dñi. 1602. Aged 44 yeares* W.M. *sculp:*

CHAP. 10.

The life of M^r PERKINS.

William Perkins, born at Marſton nigh Coventry in Warwickſhire, was afterwards brought up in Chriſt-Colledge in Cambridge, where he ſo well profited in his ſtudies that he got the grounds of all liberall Arts, and in the 24. of Queen Elizabeth was choſen fellow of that Colledge, the ſame yeare wherein Doctour Andrew Willet (one of admirable induſtry) and Doctour Richard Clark (whoſe learned

learned Sermons commend him to posterity) were elected into the same Society.

There goeth an uncontroll'd tradition, that Perkins, when a young scholar, was a great studier of Magick, occasioned perchance by his skill in Mathematicks. For ignorant people count all circles above their own sphere to be conjuring, and presently cry out those things are done by black art for which their dimme eyes can see no colour in reason. And in such cases, when they cannot flie up to heaven to make it a Miracle, they fetch it from hell to make it Magick, though it may lawfully be done by naturall causes. True it is he was very wild in his youth till God (the best Chymick who can fix quicksilver it self) gratiously reclaim'd him.

After his entrance into the Ministry, the first beam he sent forth shined to those *which sat in darkness and the shadow of death*, I mean the prisoners in the castle of Cambridge, people (as generally in such places) living in England out of Christendome, wanting the means of their salvation, bound in their bodies, but too loose in their lives, yea often branded in their flesh, and seared in their consciences. Perkins prevailed so farre with their jaylour, that the prisoners were brought (fetter'd) to the Shire-house hard by, where he preached unto them every Lords day. Thus was the prison his parish, his own Charity his Patron presenting him unto it, and his work was all his wages. Many an Onesimus here he begat, and as the instrument freed the prisoners from the captivity of sinne. When this began to be known, some of good quality of the neighbouring parishes became his auditours, and counted it their feast to feed out of the prisoners basket. Hence afterwards he became Preacher of S. Andrews parish in Cambridge, where he continued to the day of his death.

His Sermons were not so plain but that the piously

learned did admire them, nor ſo learned but that the plain did underſtand them. What was ſaid of Socrates, That he firſt humbled the towring ſpeculations of Philoſophers into practice and morality; ſo our Perkins brought the ſchools into the Pulpit, and unſhelling their controverſies out of their hard ſchool-terms, made thereof plain and wholſome meat for his people. For he had a capacious head with angles winding, and roomthy enough to lodge all controverſiall intricaſies; and, had not preaching diverted him from that way, he had no doubt attained to eminency therein. An excellent Chirurgeon he was at joynting of a broken ſoul, and at ſtating of a doubtfull conſcience. And ſure in Caſe-divinity Proteſtants are defective. For (ſave that a Smith or two of late have built them forges, and ſet up ſhop) we go down to our enemies to ſharpen all our inſtruments, and are beholden to them for offenſive and defenſive weapons in Caſes of Conſcience.

He would pronounce the word *Damne* with ſuch an emphaſis as left a dolefull Echo in his auditours ears a good while after. And when Catechiſt of Chriſt-Colledge, in expounding the Commandments, applied them ſo home, able almoſt to make his hearers hearts fall down, and hairs to ſtand upright. But in his older age he altered his voice, and remitted much of his former rigidneſſe, often profeſsing that to preach mercie was that proper office of the Miniſters of the Goſpell. *S. W. Mr. of S. C. C.*

Some object that his Doctrine, referring all to an abſolute decree, hamſtrings all induſtry, and cuts off the ſinews of mens endeavours towards ſalvation. For aſcribing all to the wind of Gods ſpirit, (which bloweth where it liſteth) he leaveth nothing to the oars of mans diligence, either to help or hinder to the attaining of happineſſe, but rather opens a wide doore to licentious ſecurity. Were this the hardeſt objection againſt

againſt Perkins his doctrine, his own life was a ſufficient anſwer thereunto, ſo pious, ſo ſpotleſſe, that Malice was afraid to bite at his credit, into which ſhe knew her teeth could not enter.

He had a rare felicity in ſpeedy reading of books, and as it were but turning them over would give an exact account of all conſiderables therein. So that as it were riding poſt thorow an Authour, he took ſtrict notice of all paſſages, as if he had dwelt on them particularly; peruſing books ſo ſpeedily, one would think he read nothing; ſo accurately, one would think he read all.

He was of a cheerfull nature and pleaſant diſpoſition: Indeed to mere ſtrangers he was reſerved and cloſe, ſuffering them to knock a good while before he would open himſelf unto them; but on the leaſt acquaintance he was merry and very familiar.

Beſides his aſſiduity in preaching he wrote many books, extant at this day. And pity it was, that he ſet not forth more of them himſelf; for though ſome of his Orphan works lighted on good Guardians, yet all were not ſo happy; and indeed no nurſe for a child to the own mother.

He dyed in the 44. yeare of his age of a violent fit of the ſtone. It hath been reported that he dyed in the conflict of a troubled conſcience; which admit were ſo, had been no wonder. For God ſometimes ſeemingly leaves his Saints when they leave the world, plunging them on their death-beds in deep temptations, and caſting their ſouls down to hell, to rebound the higher to heaven. Beſides, the devil is moſt buſie on the laſt day of his Term; and a Tenant to be outed cares not what miſchief he doth. But here was no ſuch matter. Indeed he alwayes cryed out *Mercy Mercy*: which ſome ſtanders by misinterpreted for deſpair, as if he felt not Gods favour, becauſe he call'd for it: whereas Mercy is a Grace which they hold the faſteſt, S. W. *ut priùs.*

that moſt catch after it. 'Tis true that many on leſſe reaſon have expreſſed more confidence of their future happineſſe, and have delivered themſelves in larger ſpeeches concerning the ſame. But who could expect a long oration from him, where every word was accented with pain in ſo ſharp a diſeaſe.

His funeralls were ſolemnly and ſumtuouſly perform'd o' the ſole charges of Chriſt-Colledge, which challenged, as ſhe gave him his breeding, to pay for his buriall; the Univerſity and Town lovingly contending which ſhould expreſſe more ſorrow thereat. Doctour Mountague, afterwards Biſhop of Wincheſter, preached his Funerall-Sermon, and excellently diſcharg'd the place, taking for his Text, *Moſes my ſervant is dead.*

He was of a ruddy complexion, very fat and corpulent, lame of his right hand; and yet this Ehud with a lefthanded pen did ſtab the Romiſh Cauſe, and * as one ſaith,

** Hugh Holland in his Icones.*

Dextera quantumvis fuerat tibi manca, docendi
Pollebas mira dexteritate tamen.

Though nature thee of thy right hand bereft,
Rightwell thou writeſt with thy hand that's left.

He was born the firſt, and dyed the laſt yeare of Queen Eliſabeth, ſo that his life ſtreamed in equall length with her reigne, and they both had their fountains, and falls together.

I muſt not forget, how his books after his death were tranſlated into moſt modern Chriſtian languages. For though he excellently improved his talent in the Engliſh tongue, yet forreiners thought it but wrapt up in a napkin, whileſt folded in an unknown language. Wherefore ſome tranſlated the main body of his works into French, Dutch, and Italian; and his books ſpeak more tongues, then the Maker ever underſtood. His *Reformed Catholick* was done into Spaniſh, and no Spaniard ever ſince durſt take up that gantlet

gantlet of defiance our Champion cast down: yea their Inquisition rather chose to answer it with tortures, then arguments.

Chap. 11.

The good Parishioner.

WE will onely describe his Church-reference; his Civill part hath and shall be met with under other Heads. Conceive him to live under such a faithfull Minister as before was character'd, as, either judging charitably that all Pastours are such, or wishing heartily that they were.

Though near to the Church he is not farre from God. Like unto Justus, Acts 18.8. *One that worshipped God, and his house joyned hard to the Synagogue.* Otherwise if his distance from the church be great, his diligence is the greater to come thither in season. *Maxime* 1

He is timely at the beginning of Common prayer. Yet as *Tullie Charged some dissolute people for being such sluggards that they never saw the sunne rising or setting, as being alwayes up after the one, and abed before the other; so some negligent people never heare prayers begun, or sermon ended: the Confession being past before they come, and the Blessing not come before they are passed away. 2 *De finibus boni & mali, lib. 2.

In sermon he sets himself to heare God in the Minister. Therefore divesteth he himself of all prejudice, the jaundise in the eyes of the soul presenting colours false unto it. He hearkens very attentively: 'Tis a shame when the Church it self is *Cœmeterium*, wherein the living sleep above ground as the dead do beneath. 3

At every Point that concerns himself, he turns down a leaf in his heart; and rejoyceth that Gods word hath peirc'd him, as hoping that whilest his soul smarts it heals. And as it is no manners for him that hath good ve- 4

niſon before him, to ask whence it came, but rather fairly to fall to it; ſo hearing an excellent Sermon, he never enquires whence the Preacher had it, or whether it was not before in print, but falls aboard to practiſe it.

5 *He accuſeth not his Miniſter of ſpight for particularizing him.* It does not follow that the archer aimed, becauſe the arrow hit. Rather our Pariſhioner reaſoneth thus; If my ſinne be notorious, how could the Miniſter miſſe it? if ſecret, how could he hit it without Gods direction? But fooliſh hearers make even the bells of Aarons garments *to clink as they think.* And a guilty conſcience is like a whirlpool, drawing in all to it ſelf which otherwiſe would paſſe by. One, cauſeleſſely diſaffected to his Miniſter, complained that he in his laſt Sermon had perſonally inveighed againſt him, and accuſed him thereof to a grave religious Gentleman in the pariſh: *Truly*, ſaid the Gentleman, *I had thought in his Sermon he had meant me, for it touched my heart.* This rebated the edge of the others anger.

6 *His Tithes he payes willingly with cheerfulneſſe.* How many part with Gods portions grudgingly, or elſe pinch it in the paying. * *Decimum*, the Tenth, amongſt the Romanes was ever taken for what was beſt or biggeſt. It falls out otherwiſe in paying of Tithes, where the leaſt and leaneſt are ſhifted off to make that number.

* *Fluctus Decimus* pro *maximo.* Ovidio & Lucano.

7 *He hides not himſelf from any Pariſh-office which ſeeks for him.* If choſen Churchwarden, he is not buſily-idle, rather to trouble then reform, preſenting all things but thoſe which he ſhould. If Overſeer of the poore, he is carefull the rates be made indifferent (whoſe inequality oftentimes is more burthenſome then the ſumme) and well diſpoſed of. He meaſures not peoples wants by their clamorous complaining, and diſpenſeth more to thoſe that deſerve then to them that onely need relief.

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He is bountifull in contributing to the repair of Gods house. For though he be not of their opinion, who would have the Churches under the Gospell conform'd to the magnificence of Solomons Temple (whose porch would serve us for a Church) and adorn them so gaudily, that devotion is more distracted then raised, and mens souls rather dazeled, then lightened; yet he conceives it fitting that such sacred places should be handsomly and decently maintained: The rather because the climactericall yeare of many Churches from their first foundation, may seem to happen in our dayes; so old, that their ruine is threatned if not speedily repaired. 8

He is respectfull to his Ministers Widow and posterity for his sake. When the onely daughter of Peter Martyr was, through the riot and prodigality of her debauched husband, brought to extreme poverty, the *State of Zurick, out of gratefull remembrance of her Father, supported her with bountifull maintenance. My prayers shall be, that Ministers widows, and children may never stand in need of such relief, and may never want such relief when they stand in need. 9

* *Thuan obit. vir. doct. Anno.* 1562.

Chap. 12.

The good Patron.

THat in the Primitive times (though I dare not say generally in all Churches) if not the sole choyce, at least the consent of the people was required in appointing of Ministers, may partly appear out of * Scripture, more plainly out of *Cyprian, and is confessed by reverend *Dr. Whitgift. These popular elections were well discharged in those purer times, when men being scoured with constant persecution had little leasure to rust with factions, and when there were no baits for Corruption; the places of Ministers being then of great pains and perill, and

* Acts 14.23. χειροτονήσαντες
* *Lib. 1. epist. 4*
* *Defence of the Answer to the Admonition. pag. 164.*

& ſmall profit. But diſſenſion creeping in, in after-ages (the eyes of common people at the beſt but dimme through ignorance being wholly blinded with partiality) it may ſeem their right of election was either devolved to, or aſſumed of the Biſhop of the Dioces, who * onely was to appoint Curates in every pariſh. Afterwards to invite lay-men to build and endow Churches, the Biſhops departed with their right to the lay Patrons according to the verſe,

Patronum faciunt Dos, Aedificatio, Fundus.

A Patron's he that did endow with lands,
Or built the Church, or on whoſe ground it ſtands.

It being conceived reaſonable that he who payed the Churches portion, ſhould have the main ſtroke in providing her an husband. Then came Patronages to be annexed to Mannours, and by ſale or deſcent to paſſe along with them; nor could any juſtly complain thereof, if all Patron s were like him we deſcribe.

* *Concil. Toletan. Anno* 589. *Can.* 9. *Synod. Antiochen. Can.* 24. *and* 2. *Concil. Gangrenſe Can.* 7. *and* 8.

Maxime 1 *He counts the Living his to diſpoſe, not to make profit of.* He fears more to lapſe his conſcience, then his Living, fears more the committing then the diſcovery of Simony.

2 *A Benefice he ſometimes giveth ſpeedily, never raſhly.* Some are long in beſtowing them out of ſtate, becauſe they love to have many ſuiters; others out of covetouſneſſe will not open their wares till all their chapmen are come together, pretending to take the more deliberation.

3 *He is deaf to importunity, if wanting deſert.* Yet is he not of the mind of Tamberlane the Scythian King, who never gave Office to any that ſought for it: for deſiring proceeds not alwayes from want of deſerving; yea God himſelf likes well that his favours ſhould be ſued for. Our Patron chiefly reſpects piety, ſufficiency, and promiſe of painfulneſſe, whereby he makes his election. If he can by the ſame deed provide for Gods houſe

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and his own familie, he counts it lawfull, but on no terms will preferre his deareſt and neareſt ſonne or kinſman if unworthy.

4 *He hates not onely direct ſimony, or rather Gehaziſme, by the ſtring, but alſo that which goes about by the bow.* Ancient Councels preſent us with ſeverall forms hereof. I find how the Patrons ſonnes and nephews were wont to feed upon the Incumbent, and eat out the preſentation in great banquets and dinners, till at laſt the Palentine Councel brought a voyder to ſuch feaſts, and made a canon againſt them. But the former ages were bunglers to the cunning contrivance of the ſimony-engineers of our times. *O my ſoul come thou not into their ſecrets.* As if they cared not to go to hell, ſo be it were not the neareſt way, but that they might fetch a farre compaſſe round about. And yet father * Campian muſt not carry it ſo clearly, who taxeth the Proteſtants for maintaining of ſimony. We confeſſe it a perſonall vice amongſt us, but not to be charged as a Church-ſinne, which by penall Laws it doth both prohibit and puniſh. Did Rome herein look upon the duſt behind her own doores, ſhe would have but little cauſe to call her neighbour ſlut. What ſaith the Epigram?

Concil. Palent. Anno 1322. Conſtit. 14.

** Vid. Videl. Comment. in Epiſt. Ignatii ad Tralienſes.*

An Petrus fuerat Romæ ſub judice lis eſt;
Simonem Romæ nemo fuiſſe negat.
That Peter was at Rome, there's ſtrife about it;
That Simon was there, none did ever doubt it.

5 *He hates corruption not onely in himſelf, but his ſervants.* Otherwiſe it will do no good for the Maſter to throw bribes away, if the Men catch them up at the firſt rebound, yea before ever they come to the ground. * Cambden can tell you what Lord-Keeper it was in the dayes of Queen Elizabeth, who though himſelf an upright man was hardly ſpoken of for the baſeneſſe of his ſervants in the ſale of Eccleſiaſticall preferments.

** In the life of Queen Elizab. Anno Dom. 1596.*

6 *When he hath freely bestowed a Living, he makes no boasts of it.* To do this were a kind of spirituall simony, to ask and receive applause of others; as if the commonnesse of faulting herein made a right, and the rarity of giving things freely merited *ex condigno* a generall commendation. He expects nothing from the Clerk he presented but his prayers to God for him, respectfull carriage towards him, and painfulnesse in his Calling, who having gotten his place freely may discharge it the more faithfully: whereas those will scarce afford to feed their sheep fat, who rent the pasture at too high a rate.

To conclude, let Patrons imitate this particular example of King William Rufus, who (though sacrilegious in other acts) herein discharged a good conscience. Two Monks came to him to buy an Abbots place of him, seeking to outvie each other in offering great summes of money, whilest a third Monk stood by, and said nothing. To whom said the King, What wilt thou give for the place. Not a penny, answered he, for it is against my conscience; but here I stay to wait home on him whom your Royall pleasure shall designe Abbot. Then quoth the King, Thou of the three best deservest the place, and shalt have it, and so bestowed it on him.

Chap. 13.

The good Landlord.

IS one that lets his land on a reasonable rate, so that the Tenant by employing his stock, and using his industry, may make an honest livelihood thereby, to maintain himself and his children.

His rent doth quicken his Tenant but not gall him. Indeed 'tis observed, that where Landlords are very easy, the Tenants (but this is *per Accidens*, out of their own laziness) seldome thrive, contenting themselves to make up the just measure of their rent, and not labouring for any surplusage of estate. But our Landlord puts some metall into his Tenants industry, yet not grating him too much, lest the Tenant revenge the Landlords cruelty to him upon his land. *Maxime* 1

Yet he raiseth his rents (or fines equivalent) in some proportion to the present price of other commodities. The plenty of money makes a seeming scarcity of all other things, and wares of all sorts do daily grow dear. If therefore our Landlord should let his rents stand still as his Grandfather left them, whilest other wares dayly go on in price, he must needs be cast farre behind in his estate. 2

What he sells or sets to his Tenant, he suffers him quietly to enjoy according to his covenants. This is a great joy to a Tenant, though he buyes dear to possesse without disturbance. A strange example there was of Gods punishing a covetous Landlord at * Rye in Sussex, *Anno* 1570. He having a certain marish, wherein men on poles did dry their fishnets, received yearly of them a sufficient summe of money, till not content therewith he caused his servant to pluck up the poles, not suffering the fishermen to use them any longer, except they would compound at a greater rate. But it came to passe the same night that the sea breaking in 3

* *Holinshed p.* 1224.

covered the ſame mariſh with water, and ſo it ſtill continueth.

4 *He deteſts and abhorres all incloſure with depopulation.* And becauſe this may ſeem a matter of importance, we will break it into ſeverall propoſitions.

1 *Incloſure may be made without depopulating.* Infinites of examples ſhew this to be true. But depopulation hath caſt a ſlander on incloſure, which becauſe often done with it, people ſuſpect it cannot be done without it.

2 *Incloſure made without depopulating is injurious to none.* I mean if proportionable allotments be made to the poore for their commonage, and free & leaſeholders have a conſiderable ſhare with the lord of the mannour.

3 *Incloſure without depopulating is beneficiall to private perſons.* Then have they moſt power and comfort to improve their own parts, and for the time, and manner thereof may mould it to their own conveniencie. The Monarch of one acre will make more profit thereof then he that hath his ſhare in fourty in common.

4 *Incloſure without depopulating is profitable to the Commonwealth.* If injurious to no private perſon, and profitable to them all, it muſt needs be beneficiall to the Commonwealth, which is but the *Summa totalis* of ſundry perſons, as ſeverall figures. Beſides, if a Mathematician ſhould count the wood in the hedges, to what a mighty forreſt would it amount? This underwood ſerves for ſupplies to ſave timber from burning, otherwiſe our wooden walls in the water muſt have been ſent to the fire. Adde to this the ſtrength of an incloſed Countrey againſt a forrein invaſion. Hedges and counterhedges (having in number what they want in height and depth) ſerve for barracadoes, and will ſtick as birdlime in the wings of the horſe,

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and scotch the wheeling about of the foot. Small resistance will make the enemy to earn every mile of ground as he marches. Object not, That inclosure destroyes tillage, the staff of a countrey, for it need not all be converted to pasturage. Cain and Abel may very well agree in the Commonwealth, the Plowman and Shepherd part the inclosures betwixt them.

5 *Inclosure with depopulation is a canker to the Commonwealth.* It needs no proof: wofull experience shews how it unhouses thousands of people, till desperate need thrusts them on the gallows. Long since had this land been sick of a plurisie of people, if not let blood in their Western Plantations.

6 *Inclosure with depopulation endammageth the parties themselves.* 'Tis a paradox and yet a truth, that reason shews such inclosures to be gainfull, and experience proves them to be losse to the makers. It may be, because God being φιλάνθρωπος, a Lover of man, mankind, and mens society, and having said to them, *Multiply and increase*, counts it an affront unto him, that men depopulate, and whereas bees daily swarm, men make the hives fewer. The margin shall direct you to the * Authour that counts eleven mannours in Northamptonshire thus inclosed: which towns have vomited out (to use his own expression) and unburthened themselves of their former desolating and depopulating owners, and I think of their posterity.

* *Mr Benthams Christian Conflict, pag. 322.*

He rejoyceth to see his Tenants thrive. Yea he counts it a great honour to himself, when he perceiveth that God blesseth their endeavours, and that they come forward in the world. I close up all with this pleasant story. A Farmer rented a Grange generally reported to be haunted by Faries, and paid a shrewd rent for the same at

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each half years end. Now a Gentleman asked him how he durſt be ſo hardy as to live in the houſe, and whether no Spirits did trouble him. *Truth* (ſaid the Farmer) *there be two Saints in heaven vex me more then all the devils in hell, namely the Virgin Mary, and Michael the Archangel*; on which dayes he paid his rent.

Chap. 14.

The good Maſter of a Colledge.

THe Jews *Anno* 1348. were baniſhed out of moſt countreys of Chriſtendome, principally for poyſoning of ſprings and * fountains. Grievous therefore is their offenſe, who infect Colledges, the fountains of learning and religion; and it concerneth the Church and State, that the Heads of ſuch houſes be rightly qualified, ſuch men as we come to character.

* *Munſter de German. lib. 3. pag. 457.*

Maxime 1 *His learning if beneath eminency is farre above contempt.* Sometimes ordinary ſcholars make extraordinary good Maſters. every one who can play well on Apollo's harp cannot skilfully drive his chariot, there being a peculiar myſtery of Government. Yea as a little allay makes gold to work the better, ſo (perchance) ſome dulneſſe in a man makes him fitter to manage ſecular affairs; and thoſe who have climbed up Parnaſſus but half way better behold worldly buſineſſe (as lying low and nearer to their ſight) then ſuch as have climbed up to the top of the mount.

2 *He not onely keeps the Statutes* (*in his ſtudy*) *but obſerves them*: for the maintaining of them will maintain him, if he be queſtioned. He gives them their true dimenſions, not racking them for one, and ſhrinking them for another, but making his conſcience his daily Viſitour. He that breaks the Statutes, and thinks to rule better by his own diſcretion, makes many gaps in the hedge, and then ſtands to ſtop one of them with a ſtake

ſtake in his hand. Beſides, thus to confound the will of the dead Founders, is the ready way to make living mens charitie (like Sr Hugh Willoughby in diſcovering the Northern paſſage) to be frozen to death, and will diſhearten all future Benefactours.

He is principall Porter, and chief Chappell-monitour. For where the Maſter keeps his chamber alwayes, the ſcholars will keep theirs ſeldome, yea perchance may make all the walls of the Colledge to be gate. He ſeeks to avoid the inconvenience when the gates do rather divide then confine the ſcholars, when the Colledge is diſtinguiſhed (as France into *Cis & Tranſalpina*) into the part on this, and on the otherſide of the walls. As for out-lodgings (like galleries, neceſſary evils in populous Churches) he rather tolerates then approves them. 3

In his Elections he reſpecteth merit, not onely as the condition but as the cauſe thereof. Not like Leofricus Abbot of S. Albans, who would ſcarce admit any into his Covent though well deſerving, except he was a * Gentleman born. He more reſpects literature in a ſcholar, then great mens letters for him. A learned Maſter of a Colledge in Cambridge (ſince made a reverend Biſhop, and, to the great grief of good men and great loſſe of Gods Church, lately deceaſed) refuſed a Mandate for chooſing of a worthleſſe man fellow. And when it was expected, that at the leaſt he ſhould have been outed of his Maſterſhip for this his contempt, King James highly commended him, and encouraged him ever after to follow his own conſcience, when the like occaſion ſhould be given him. 4

* *Math. Pariſ. in 23. Abbat. S. Alban. pag. 42.*

He winds up the Tenants to make good muſick, but not to break them. Sure Colledge-lands were never given to fat the Tenants and ſterve the ſcholars, but that both might comfortably ſubſiſt. Yea generally I heare the Muſes commended for the beſt Landladies, and a Colledge-leaſe is accounted but as the worſt kind of freehold. 5

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6 *He is observant to do all due right to Benefactours.* If not piety, policy would dictate this unto him. And though he respects not Benefactours kinsmen, when at their first admission they count themselves born heirs apparent to all preferment which the house can heap on them, and therefore grow lazy & idle; yet he counts their alliance, seconded with mediocrity of desert, a strong title to Colledge-advancement.

7 *He counts it lawfull to enrich himself, but in subordination to the Colledge good.* Not like Varus, Governour of Syria, who came poore into the countrey, and found it rich, but departed thence rich, and left the countrey poore. Methinks 'tis an excellent commendation which Trinity Colledge in Cambridge in her records bestows on Doctour Still once Master thereof. *Se ferebat Patremfamilias providum, ἀγαθὸν κυβερνήτορον, nec Collegio gravis fuit aut onerosus.*

8 *He disdains to nourish dissension amongst the members of his house.* Let Machiavills Maxime, *Divide & regnabis*, if offering to enter into a Colledge-gate, sink thorow the grate, and fall down with the durt. For besides that the fomenting of such discords agrees not with a good conscience, each party will watch advantages, and Pupils will often be made to suffer for their Tutours quarrells: *Studium partium* will be *magna pars studiorum*, and the Colledge have more rents then revenues.

9 *He scorneth the plot, to make onely dunces Fellows, to the end he may himself command in chief.* As thinking that they who know nothing, will do any thing, and so he shall be a figure amongst cyphers, a bee amongst drones. Yet oftentimes such Masters are justly met with, and they find by experience, that the dullest horses are not easiest to be reined. But our Master endeavours so to order his elections, that every Scholar may be fit to make a Fellow, and every Fellow a Master.

Chap. 14.
The life of Dr. Metcalf.

Nicholas Metcalf Doctour of Divinity, extracted out of an ancient and numerous family of Gentry in Yorkshire, was Archdeacon of Rochester, & Chaplain to John Fisher the Bishop thereof; by whom this our Doctour was employed to issue forth the monies for the building of S. Johns Colledge in Cambridge. For Margaret Countesse of Richmond and Derby intending to graft S. Johns Colledge into the old stock of S. Johns Hospitall, referr'd all to the Bishop of Rochester, and he used Metcalf as an agent in all proceedings which did concern that Foundation: which will inferre him to be both a wise and an honest man.

Some make him to be but meanly * learned; and * one telleth us a long storie how a Sophister put a fallacie upon him, *à sensu diviso ad sensum compositum*, and yet the Doctours dimme eyes could not discern it. But such trifles were beneath him; and what wonder is it if a Generall long used in governing an armie, hath forgotten his school-play, and Fencers rules, to put by every thrust?

* *Aschan. Schoolmaster, 2. Book, fol. 47.*

* *Lively in his Chron. of Persian Monarch. p. 196.*

Doubtlesse, had not his learning been sufficient, Bishop Fisher, a great clerk himself, would not have placed him to govern the Colledge. But we know that some count all others but dry scholars, whose learning runneth in a different channell from their own: and it is posible, that the great distance betwixt men in matter of Religion might hinder the new learning in one to see the old learning in the other.

But grant that Metcalf, with Themistocles, could not fiddle, yet he could make a little city a great one: though dull in himself, he could whet others by his encouragement. He found the Colledge spending

scarce two hundred marks by the yeare, he left it spending a *thousand marks and more. For he not onely procured and settled many donations, and by-foundations (as we term them) of Fellowships, and Scholarships, founded by other; but was a Benefactour himself, *Pro certis ornamentis & structuris in Capella, & pro ædificatione sex Camerarum à tergo Coquinæ*, &c. as it is evidenced in the Colledge books. He counted the Colledge his own home, and therefore cared not what cost he bestowed on it: not like those Masters, who making their Colledges as steps to higher advancement will trample on them to raise up themselves, and using their wings to flie up to their own honour, cannot afford to spread them to brood their Colledge. But the thriving of the nourcery, is the best argument to prove the skill and care of the nource. See what store of worthy men the house in his time did yield:

* *Ascham. in loco priùs citato.*

William Cecill, *Lord Burly*,
Sr. John Cheek,
Walter Haddon. } *Statesmen.*

Ralph Bain, *Coventrie and Lichfield*
John Christopherson, *Chichester*,
Robert Horn, *Winton*,
James Pilkinton, *Duresme*,
John Tailour, *Lincoln*,
Thomas Watson. *Lincoln.*
} *Bishop of*

Roger Ascham,
George * Bullock,
Roger * Hutchinson,
Alban Langdale,
John Seaton. } *Learned writers.*

Hugh Fitz-Herbert,
William Jreland,
Laurence Pilkinton,
--------Tomson,
Henry Wright. } *Learned Men.*

* *Pitzæus de Scriptor. Angli. pag. 773.*
* *Baleus de Scriptor. Anglicanis.*

With

With very many more. For though I dare not say that all these were old enough to bear fruit in Metcalfs time, yet sure I am by him they were inoculated, and in his dayes admitted into the Colledge.

Yet for all these his deserts Metcalf in his old age was expell'd the Colledge, and driven out when he could scarce go. A new generation grew up (advanced by him) whose active spirits stumbled at his gravity (young seamen do count ballast needlesse yea burthensome in a ship) and endeavoured his removall. It appears not what particular fault they laid to his charge. Some think that the Bishop of Rochester his good lord being put to death, occasioned his ruine, Fishers misfortune being Metcalfs highest misdemeanour. He sunk with his Patron, and when his sunne was set it was presently night with him: for according to the Spanish proverb, * *Where goes the bucket, there goes the rope*, where the principall miscarries, all the dependants fall with him.

* *Yrà la soga con el calderon.*

Others conceive it was for his partiality in preferring Northern men, as if in his compasse there were no points but such onely as looked to the North, advancing alone his own countrey-men, and more respecting their need then deserts. Indeed long * before, I find William Millington first Provost of Kings Colledge put out of his place, for his partiality in electing Yorkshire men.

* 1446. *Manuscrip Hutcher. Coll. Regal.*

But herein Metcalf is sufficiently justified: for he found Charity hottest in the cold countrey, *Northern men were most* * *partiall* (saith one) *in giving lands to the Colledge, for the furtherance of learning*. Good reason therefore Northern Scholars should be most watered there, where Northern Benefactours rained most.

* *Ascham. in loco citato.*

Well, good old Metcalf must forsake the House. Methinks the blushing bricks seem asham'd of their ingratitudes, and each doore, window, and case-

ment in the Colledge, was a mouth to plead for him.

But what ſhall we ſay? Mark generally the grand deſervers in States, and you ſhall find them loſe their luſtre before they end their life. The world, out of covetouſneſſe to ſave charges to pay them their wages, quarrelling with them, as if an over-merit were an offence. And whereas ſome impute this to the malignant influence of the heavens, I aſcribe it rather to a peſtilent vapour out of the earth; I mean, That rather men then ſtarres are to be blamed for it.

He was twenty years Maſter, and on the 4 day of June 1537. went out of his office, and it ſeems dyed ſoon after: his Epitaph is faſtned on a piece of braſſe on the wall, in the Colledge-Chappell. We muſt not forget that all who were great doers in his expulſion, were great ſufferers afterwards, and dyed all in great *miſerie. There is difference betwixt prying into Gods ſecrets, and being ſtark blind: Yea I queſtion whether we are not bound to look where God points by ſo memorable a judgement, ſhewing that thoſe branches moſt juſtly whithered which pluck'd up their own root.

* Omnes qui Metcalfi excludendi autores exſtiterunt, multis adverſæ fortunæ procellis (ſive divinâ ultione ſeu fato ſuo) jactati, de gradu dejecti & deturbati, inglorii mortem obierunt exemplo memorabili, *Caius lib. 1. Hiſt. Cantabr. pag. 75, & 76.*

CHAP. 16.

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The good Schoolmaster.

THere is scarce any profession in the Commonwealth more necessary, which is so slightly performed. The reasons whereof I conceive to be these: first, young scholars make this calling their refuge, yea perchance before they have taken any degree in the University, commence Schoolmasters in the countrey, as if nothing else were required to set up this profession but onely a rod and a ferula. Secondly, others who are able use it onely as a passage to better preferment, to patch the rents in their present fortune, till they can provide a new one, and betake themselves to some more gainfull calling. Thirdly, they are disheartned from doing their best with the miserable reward which in some places they receive, being Masters to the children, and slaves to their parents. Fourthly, being grown rich, they grow negligent, and scorn to touch the school, but by the proxie of an Usher. But see how well our Schoolmaster behaves himself.

His genius inclines him with delight to this profession. Some men had as lieve be schoolboyes as Schoolmasters, to be tyed to the school as Coopers Dictionary, and Scapula's Lexicon are chained to the desk therein; and though great scholars, and skilfull in other arts, are bunglers in this: But God of his goodnesse hath fitted severall men for severall callings, that the necessities of Church, and State, in all conditions may be provided for. So that he who beholds the fabrick thereof may say, God hewed out this stone, and appointed it to lie in this very place, for it would fit none other so well, and here it doth most excellent. And thus God mouldeth some for a Schoolmasters life, undertaking it with desire and delight, and discharging it with dexterity and happy successe. *Maxime* 1

2 *He ſtudieth his ſcholars natures as carefully as they their books*; and ranks their diſpoſitions into ſeverall forms. And though it may ſeem difficult for him in a great ſchool to deſcend to all particulars, yet experienced Schoolmaſters may quickly make a Grammar of boyes natures, and reduce them all (ſaving ſome few exceptions) to theſe generall rules.

1 Thoſe that are ingenious and induſtrious. The conjunction of two ſuch Planets in a youth preſage much good unto him. To ſuch a lad a frown may be a whipping, and a whipping a death; yea where their Maſter whips them once, ſhame whips them all the week after. Such natures he uſeth with all gentleneſſe.

2 Thoſe that are ingenious and idle. Theſe think with the hare in the fable, that running with ſnails (ſo they count the reſt of their ſchool-fellows) they ſhall come ſoon enough to the Poſt, though ſleeping a good while before their ſtarting. Oh, a good rod would finely take them napping.

3 Thoſe that are dull and diligent. Wines the ſtronger they be the more lees they have when they are new. Many boyes are muddy-headed till they be clarified with age, and ſuch afterwards prove the beſt. Briſtoll diamonds are both bright, and ſquared and pointed by Nature, and yet are ſoft and worthleſſe; whereas orient ones in India are rough and rugged naturally. Hard rugged and dull natures of youth acquit themſelves afterwards the jewells of the countrey, and therefore their dulneſſe at firſt is to be born with, if they be diligent. That Schoolmaſter deſerves to be beaten himſelf, who beats Nature in a boy for a fault. And I queſtion whether all the whipping in the world can make their parts, which are naturally ſluggiſh, riſe one minute before the houre Nature hath appointed. Thoſe

4 Thoſe that are invincibly dull and negligent alſo. Correction may reform the latter, not amend the former. All the whetting in the world can never ſet a raſours edge on that which hath no ſteel in it. Such boyes he conſigneth over to other profeſsions. Shipwrights and boatmakers will chooſe thoſe crooked pieces of timber, which other carpenters refuſe. Thoſe may make excellent merchants and mechanicks which will not ſerve for Scholars.

He is able, diligent, and methodicall in his teaching; not leading them rather in a circle then forwards. He minces his precepts for children to ſwallow, hanging clogs on the nimbleneſſe of his own ſoul, that his Scholars may go along with him. 3

He is, and will be known to be an abſolute Monarch in his ſchool. If cockering Mothers proffer him money to purchaſe their ſonnes an exemption from his rod (to live as it were in a peculiar, out of their Maſters juriſdiction) with diſdain he refuſeth it, and ſcorns the late cuſtome in ſome places of commuting whipping into money, and ranſoming boyes from the rod at a ſet price. If he hath a ſtubborn youth, correction-proof, he debaſeth not his authority by conteſting with him, but fairly if he can puts him away before his obſtinacy hath infected others. 4

He is moderate in inflicting deſerv'd correction. Many a Shoolmaſter better anſwereth the name of παιδοτρίβης then παιδαγωγὸς, rather tearing his ſcholars fleſh with whipping, then giving them good education. No wonder if his ſcholars hate the Muſes, being preſented unto them in the ſhapes of fiends and furies. Junius complains *de inſolenti* carnificina* of his Schoolmaſter, by whom *conſcindebatur flagris ſepties aut octies in dies ſingulos.* Yea heare the lamentable verſes of poore Tuſſer in his own life: 5

* *In his life, of his own writing.*

From

From Pauls I went, to Eaton sent,
To learn straightwayes the Latine phrase,
Where fifty three stripes given to me
At once I had.

For fault but small, or none at all,
It came to passe thus beat I was;
See, Vdal, *see the mercy of thee*
To me poore lad.

* *Nicb. Vdal Schoolmaster of Eaton in the Reigne of King Henry the eight.*

Such an Orbilius marres more Scholars then he makes: Their Tyranny hath caused many tongues to stammer, which spake plain by nature, and whose stuttering at first was nothing else but fears quavering on their speech at their Masters presence. And whose mauling them about their heads hath dull'd those who in quickneſſe exceeded their Master.

6 *He makes his school free to him, who sues to him* in forma pauperis. And surely Learning is the greatest alms that can be given. But he is a beast, who because the poore Scholar cannot pay him his wages, payes the Scholar in his whipping. Rather are diligent lads to be encouraged with all excitements to Learning. This minds me of what I have heard concerning Mr. Bust, that worthy late Schoolmaster of Eaton, who would never suffer any wandring begging Scholar (such as justly the Statute hath ranked in the forefront of Rogues) to come into his school, but would thrust him out with earnestnesse (however privately charitable unto him) lest his school-boyes should be disheartned from their books, by seeing some Scholars after their studying in the University preferr'd to beggery.

7 *He spoyls not a good school to make thereof a bad Colledge,* therein to teach his Scholars Logick. For besides that Logick may have an action of trespasse against Grammar for encroaching on her liberties, Syllogismes are Solecismes taught in the school, and oftentimes they are forc'd afterwards in the University to unlearn the fumbling skill they had before.

Out

Out of his ſchool he is no whit pedanticall in carriage or diſcourſe; contenting himſelf to be rich in Latine, though he doth not gingle with it in every company wherein he comes. 8

To conclude, Let this amongſt other motives make Schoolmaſters carefull in their place, that the eminencies of their Scholars have commended the memories of their Schoolmaſters to poſterity, who otherwiſe in obſcurity had altogether been forgotten. Who had ever heard of R. * Bond in Lancaſhire but for the breeding of learned Aſcham his Scholar? or of * Hartgrave in Brundly ſchool, in the ſame County, but becauſe he was the firſt did teach worthy Doctour Whitaker. Nor do I honour the memory of Mulcaſter for any thing ſo much, as for his Scholar, that gulf of learning, Biſhop Andrews. This made the Athenians, the day before the great feaſt of Theſeus their founder, to ſacrifice a ramme to the memory of * Conidas his Schoolmaſter that firſt inſtructed him.

* *Grant. in vit. Aſcham. pag. 629.*
* *Aſhton in the life of whitaker, pag. 29.*

* *Plutar. in vit. Theſei.*

Chap. 17.
The good Merchant

IS one who by his trading claſpeth the iland to the continent, and one countrey to another. An excellent gardiner, who makes England bear wine, and oyl, and ſpices; yea herein goes beyond Nature in cauſing that *Omnis fert omnia tellus*. He wrongs neither himſelf, nor the Commonwealth, nor private chapmen which buy commodities of him. As for his behaviour towards the Commonwealth, it farre ſurpaſſes my skill to give any Rules thereof; onely this I know, that to export things of neceſsity, and to bring in forrein needleſſe toyes, makes a rich Merchant, and a poore Kingdome: for the State loſeth her radicall moyſture, and gets little better then ſweat in exchange,

except the neceſſaries which are exported be exceeding plentifull, which then though neceſſary in their own nature become ſuperfluous through their abundance. We will content our ſelves to give ſome generall advertiſements concerning his behaviour towards his chapmen, whom he uſeth well in the quantity, quality, and price of the commodities he ſells them.

Maxime 1. *He wrongs not the buyer in Number, Weight, or Meaſure.* Theſe are the Land-marks of all trading, which muſt not be removed: for ſuch coſenage were worſe then open felony. Firſt, becauſe they rob a man of his purſe, & never bid him ſtand. Secondly, becauſe highway-thieves defie, but theſe pretend juſtice. Thirdly, as much as lies in their power, they endeavour to make God acceſſary to their coſenage, deceiving by pretending his weights. For God is the principall clark of the market, *All the* * *Weights of the bag are his work.*

* *Prov.* 16.11.

2 *He never warrants any ware for good but what is ſo indeed.* Otherwiſe he is a thief, and may be a murtherer, if ſelling ſuch things as are apply'd inwardly. Beſides, in ſuch a caſe he counts himſelf guilty if he ſelleth ſuch wares as are bad, though without his knowledge, if avouching them for good; becauſe he may, profeſſeth, & is bound to be Maſter in his own myſtery, and therefore in conſcience muſt recompence the buyers loſſe, except he gives him an Item to buy it at his own adventure.

3 *He either tells the faults in his ware, or abates proportionably in the price he demands*: for then the low value ſhews the viciouſneſſe of it. Yet commonly when Merchants depart with their commodities, we heare (as in funerall orations) all the virtues but none of the faults thereof.

4 *He never demands out of diſtance of the price he intends to take*: If not alwayes within the touch, yet within the reach of what he means to ſell for. Now we muſt know there be foure ſeverall prices of vendible things. Firſt, the Price of the market, which ebbes and flows according

according to the plenty or ſcarcity of coyn, commodities, and chapmen. Secondly, the Price of friendſhip, which perchance is more giving then ſelling, and therefore not ſo proper at this time. Thirdly, the Price of fancie, as twenty pounds or more for a dog or hauk, when no ſuch inherent worth can naturally be in them, but by the buyers and ſellers fancie reflecting on them. Yet I believe the money may be lawfully taken. Firſt, becauſe the ſeller ſometimes on thoſe terms is as loth to forgo it, as the buyer is willing to have it. And I know no ſtandard herein whereby mens affections may be meaſured. Secondly, it being a matter of pleaſure, and men able and willing, let them pay for it, *Volenti non fit injuria.* Laſtly, there is the Price of coſenage, which our Merchant from his heart deteſts and abhorres.

5 *He makes not advantage of his chapmans ignorance, chiefly if referring himſelf to his honeſty*: where the ſellers conſcience is all the buyers skill, who makes him both ſeller and judge, ſo that he doth not ſo much ask as order what he muſt pay. When one told old Biſhop Latimer that the Cutler had coſened him, in making him pay twopence for a knife not (in thoſe dayes) worth a peny; *No*, quoth Latimer, *he coſen'd not me but his own conſcience.* On the other ſide S.* Auguſtine tells us of a ſeller, who out of ignorance asked for a book farre leſſe then it was worth, and the buyer (conceive himſelf to be the man if you pleaſe) of his own accord gave him the full value thereof.

* *Lib. 13. de Trinitat. c. 3.*

6 *He makes not the buyer pay the ſhot for his prodigality*; as when the Merchant through his own ignorance or ill husbandry hath bought dear, he will not bring in his unneceſſary expences on the buyers ſcore: and in ſuch a caſe he is bound to ſell cheaper then he bought.

7 *Selling by retail he may juſtifie the taking of greater gain*: becauſe of his care, pains, and coſt of fetching thoſe

wares from the fountain, and in parcelling and dividing them. Yet becauſe retailers trade commonly with thoſe who have leaſt skill what they buy, and commonly ſell to the poorer ſort of people, they muſt be carefull not to grate on their neceſsity.

But how long ſhall I be retailing out rules to this Merchant? It would employ a Caſuiſt an apprentiſhip of years: take our Saviours wh*o*le-ſale rule, *Whatſoever ye would have men do unto you, do you unto them; for this is the Law, and the Prophets.*

Chap. 18.

The good Yeoman

IS a Gentleman in Ore, whom the next age may ſee refined; and is the wax capable of a gentile impreſsion, when the Prince ſhall ſtamp it. Wiſe Solon (who accounted Tellus the Athenian the moſt happy man for living privately on his own lands) would ſurely have pronounced the Engliſh Yeomanry, a fortunate condition, living in the temperate Zone, betwixt greatneſſe and want, an eſtate of people almoſt peculiar to England. France and Italy are like a die, which hath no points betwixt ſink and ace, Nobility and Peſantry. Their walls though high, muſt needs be hollow, wanting filling-ſtones. Indeed Germany hath her Boores, like our Yeomen, but by a tyrannicall appropriation of Nobility to ſome few ancient families, their Yeomen are excluded from ever riſing higher to clarifie their bloods. In England the Temple of Honour is bolted againſt none, who have paſſed through the Temple of Virtue: nor is a capacity to be gentile denyed to our Yeoman, who thus behaves himſelf.

* *Herodotus lib. 1. pag. 12*

Maxime 1

He wears ruſſet clothes, but makes golden payment, having tinne in his buttons, and ſilver in his pocket. If he chance to appear in clothes above his rank, it is to grace

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grace ſome great man with his ſervice, and then he bluſheth at his own bravery. Otherwiſe he is the ſureſt landmark, whence forreiners may take aim of the ancient Engliſh cuſtomes; the Gentry more floting after forrein faſhions.

2 *In his houſe he is bountifull both to ſtrangers, and poore people.* Some hold, when Hoſpitality dyed in England, ſhe gave her laſt groan amongſt the Yeomen of Kent. And ſtill at our Yeomans table you ſhall have as many joints as diſhes: No meat diſguiſ'd with ſtrange ſauces; no ſtraggling joynt of a ſheep in the midſt of a paſture of graſſe, beſet with ſallads on every ſide, but ſolid ſubſtantiall food; no ſerviters (more nimble with their hands then the gueſts with their teeth) take away meat, before ſtomachs are taken away. Here you have that which in it ſelf is good, made better by the ſtore of it, and beſt by the welcome to it.

3 *He hath a great ſtroke in making a Knight of the ſhire.* Good reaſon, for he makes a whole line in the ſubſidie-book, where whatſoever he is rated he payes without any regret, not caring how much his purſe is let blood, ſo it be done by the adviſe of the phyſicians of the State.

4 *He ſeldome goes farre abroad, and his credit ſtretcheth further then his travell.* He goes not to London, but *ſe defendendo*, to ſave himſelf of a fine, being returned of a Jurie, where ſeeing the King once, he prayes for him ever afterwards.

5 *In his own countrey he is a main man in Juries.* Where if the Judge pleaſe to open his eyes in matter of law, he needs not to be led by the noſe in matters of fact. He is very obſervant of the Judges *item*, when it follows the truths *inprimis*; otherwiſe (though not mutinous in a Jurie) he cares not whom he diſpleaſeth ſo he pleaſeth his own conſcience.

6 *He improveth his land to a double value by his good husbandry.* Some grounds that wept with water, or frown'd with

thorns, by draining the one, and clearing the other, he makes both to laugh and ſing with corn. By marle and limeſtones burnt he bettereth his ground, and his induſtry worketh miracles, by turning ſtones into bread. Conqueſt and good husbandry both inlarge the Kings Dominions: The one by the ſword, making the acres more in number; the other by the plough, making the ſame acres more in value. Solomon ſaith, *The King himſelf is maintained by husbandry.* Pythis * a King having diſcovered rich mines in his kingdome, employed all his people in digging of them, whence tilling was wholly neglected, inſomuch as a great famine enſued. His Queen, ſenſible of the calamities of the countrey, invited the King her husband to dinner, as he came home hungry from overſeeing his workmen in the mines. She ſo contrived it, that the bread and meat were moſt artificially made of gold; and the King was much delighted with the conceit thereof, till at laſt he called for reall meat to ſatisfie his hunger. *Nay*, ſaid the Queen, *if you employ all your ſubjects in your mines, you muſt expect to feed upon gold, for nothing elſe can your kingdome afford.*

* *Plutarch. de virtut. mulierum, exemplo ultimo.*

7 *In time of famine he is the Joſeph of the countrey, and keeps the poore from ſterving.* Then he tameth his ſtacks of corn, which not his covetouſneſſe but providence hath reſerv'd for time of need, and to his poore neighbours abateth ſomewhat of the high price of the market. The neighbour gentry court him for his acquaintance, which he either modeſtly waveth, or thankfully accepteth, but no way greedily deſireth. He inſults not on the ruines of a decayed Gentleman, but pities and relieves him: and as he is called *Goodman*, he deſires to anſwer to the name, and to be ſo indeed.

8 *In warre, though he ſerveth on foot, he is ever mounted on an high ſpirit*: as being a ſlave to none, and a ſubject onely to his own Prince. Innocence and independance make a brave ſpirit: Whereas otherwiſe one muſt ask

ask his leave to be valiant on whom he depends. Therefore if a State run up all to Noblemen and Gentlemen, so that the husbandmen be onely mere labourers, or cottagers, (which * one calls but houſ'd beggers) it may have good Cavalry, but never good bands of foot ; ſo that their armies will be like thoſe birds call'd *Apodes*, without feet, alwayes onely flying on their wings of horſe. Wherefore to make good Infantry, it requireth men bred, not in a ſervile or indigent faſhion, but in ſome free and plentifull manner. Wiſely therefore did that knowing Prince, King Henry the ſeventh, provide laws for the increaſe of his Yeomanry, that his kingdome ſhould not be like to Coppice-woods, where the ſtaddles being left too thick, all runs to buſhes and briers, and there 's little clean underwood. For enacting, that houſes uſed to husbandry ſhould be kept up with a competent proportion of land, he did ſecretly ſow Hydra's teeth, whereupon (according to the Poets fiction) ſhould riſe up armed men for the ſervice of this kingdome.

* *Bacons Henry. 7. pag. 74.*

Chap. 19.

The Handicrafts-man.

HE is a neceſſary member in a Common-wealth: For though Nature, which hath armed moſt other creatures, ſent man naked into the world, yet in giving him hands and wit to uſe them, in effect ſhe gave him Shells, Scales, Paws, Claws, Horns, Tusks, with all offenſive and defenſive weapons of Beaſts, Fiſh and Fowl, which by the help of his hands in imitation he may provide for himſelf, and herein the skill of our Artiſan doth conſiſt.

His trade is ſuch whereby he provides things neceſſary for mankind. What S. * Paul ſaith of the naturall, is alſo true

Maxime 1.

* 1. *Cor.* 12.

of the politick body, thoſe members of the body are much more neceſſary which ſeem moſt feeble. Mean trades for profit, are moſt neceſſary in the State; and a houſe may better want a gallery then a kitchin. The Philiſtins knew this when they maſſacred all the ſmiths in Iſrael (who might worſe be ſpared then all the uſerers therein) and whoſe hammers nail the Commonwealth together, being neceſſary both in peace and warre.

2 *Or elſe his trade contributeth to mans lawfull pleaſure.* God is not ſo hard a maſter, but that he alloweth his ſervants ſauce (beſides hunger) to eat with their meat.

3 *But in no caſe will he be of ſuch a trade which is a mere Pander to mans luſt*; and onely ſerves their wantonneſſe (which is pleaſure runne ſtark mad) and fooliſh curioſity. Yet are there too many extant of ſuch profeſsions, which, one would think, ſhould ſtand in dayly fear leſt the world ſhould turn wiſe, and ſo all their trades be caſhierd, but that (be it ſpoken to their ſhame) 'tis as ſafe a tenure to hold a livelyhood by mens ryot, as by their neceſsity.

4 *The wares he makes ſhew good to the eye, but prove better in the uſe.* For he knows if he ſets his mark (the Tower-ſtamp of his credit) on any bad wares, he ſets a deeper brand on his own conſcience. Nothing hath more debaſed the credit of our Engliſh cloth beyond the ſeas, then the deceitfulneſſe in making them, ſince the Fox hath crept under the fliece of the Sheep.

5 *By his ingenuouſneſſe he leaves his art better then he found it.* Herein the Hollanders are excellent, where children get their living, when but newly they have gotten their life, by their induſtrie. Indeed Nature may ſeem to have made thoſe Netherlanders the younger brethren of mankind, allowing them little land, and that alſo ſtanding in dayly fear of a double deluge, of the ſea

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and the Spaniard: but ſuch is their painfulneſſe and ingenuity, hating lazineſſe as much as they love liberty, that what commodities grow not on their Countrey by nature they graft on it by art, and have wonderfully improved all making of Manufactures, Stuffes, Clocks, Watches: theſe latter at firſt were made ſo great and heavy, it was rather a burden then an ornament to wear them, though ſince watches have been made as light and little, as many that were them make of their time.

He is willing to communicate his skill to posterity. An invention though found is loſt if not imparted. But as it is reported of ſome old toads, that before their death they ſuck up the gelly in their own heads (which otherwiſe would be hardned into a pretious ſtone) out of ſpight, that men ſhould receive no benifit thereby; ſo ſome envious Artiſans will have their cunning die with them, that none may be the better for it, and had rather all mankind ſhould loſe, then any man gain by them. 6

He ſeldome attaineth to any very great eſtate: except his trade hath ſome outlets and excurſions into wholeſale and merchandize; otherwiſe mere Artificers cannot heap up much wealth. It is difficult for gleaners, without ſtealing whole ſheaves, to fill a barn. His chief wealth conſiſteth in enough, and that he can live comfortably, and leave his children the inheritance of their education. 7

Yet he is a grand Benefactour to the Commonwealth. England in former ages, like a dainty dame, partly out of ſtate, but more out of lazineſſe, would not ſuckle the fruit of her own body, to make the beſt to battle and improve her own commodities, but put them out to nurſe to the Netherlanders, who were well paid for their pains. In thoſe dayes the Sword and the Plough ſo took up all mens imployments that clothing was whollie neglected, and ſcarce any other webs to be 8

found in houſes, then what the ſpiders did make. But ſince ſhe hath ſeen and mended her errour, making the beſt uſe of her own wooll; and indeed the riches of a kingdome doth conſiſt in driving the home-commodities thereof as far as they will go, working them to their very perfection, imploying more handicrafts thereby. The ſheep feeds more with his fliece then his fleſh, doing the one but once, but the other once a yeare, many families ſubſiſting by the working thereof. Let not meaner perſons be diſpleaſed with reading thoſe verſes wherewith Queen Elizabeth her ſelf was ſo highly affected, when in the one and twentieth yeare of her *reigne ſhe came in progreſſe to Norwich, wherein a child, repreſenting the ſtate of the City, ſpake to her Highneſſe as followeth,

* *Hollingſhead. pag.* 1290.

Moſt gratious Prince, undoubted Sovereigne Queen,
Our onely joy, next God, and chief defence,
In this ſmall ſhew our whole eſtate is ſeen,
The wealth we have, we find proceeds from hence:
The idle hand hath here no place to feed,
The painfull wight hath ſtill to ſerve his need.

Again, our ſeat denies us traffick here,
The ſea too near decides us from the reſt:
So weak we were within this dozen yeare,
That care did quench the courage of the beſt:
*But good advice hath taught theſe * little hands*
To rend in twain the force of pining bands.

* *Sixteen little children were there preſented to her Majeſtie, eight ſpinning worſted, and eight knitting yarne hoſe.*

From combed wooll we draw this ſlender thred,
From thence the looms have dealing with the ſame,
And thence again in order do proceed
Theſe ſeverall works which skilfull art doth frame:
And all to drive dame Need into her cave
Our heads and hands together laboured have.

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We bought before the things which now we ſell:
Theſe ſlender imps, their works do paſſe the waves:
Gods peace and thine we hold, and proſper well,
Of every mouth the hands the charges ſaves:
Thus through thy help, and aid of power divine
Doth Norwich live, whoſe hearts and goods are thine.

We have cauſe to hope that as we have ſeen the cities Dornicks and Arras brought over into England, ſo poſterity may ſee all Flaunders brought hither, I mean that their works ſhall be here imitated, and that either our land ſhall be taught to bear forrein commodities, or our people taught to forbear the uſing of them.

I ſhould now come to give the deſcription of the Day-Labourer (of whom we have onely a dearth in a plentifull harveſt) but ſeeing his character is ſo co-incident with the hired ſervant, it may well be ſpared. And now wee'l riſe from the hand to the arm, and come to deſcribe the Souldier.

Chap. 19.

The good Souldier.

A Souldier is one of a lawfull, neceſſary, commendable, and honourable profeſsion; yea God himſelf may ſeem to be one free of the company of Souldiers, in that he ſtyleth himſelf, *A man of warre.* Now though many hate Souldiers as the twigs of the rod Warre, wherewith God ſcourgeth wanton countreys into repentance, yet is their calling ſo needfull, that were not ſome Souldiers we muſt be all Souldiers, dayly imployed to defend our own, the world would grow ſo licentious.

Maxime 1 *He keepeth a clear and quiet conſcience in his breaſt, which otherwiſe will gnaw out the roots of all valour.* For vicious Souldiers

diers are compaſſed with enemies on all ſides, their foes without them, and an ambuſh within them of fleſhly luſts, which, as S. Peter ſaith, *fight againſt the ſoul.* None fitter to go to warre, then thoſe who have made their peace with God in Chriſt; for ſuch a mans ſoul is an impregnable fort: It cannot be ſcaled with ladders, for it reacheth up to heaven; nor be broken by batteries, for it is walled with braſſe; nor undermined by pioners, for he is founded on a rock; nor betrayed by treaſon, for faith it ſelf keeps it; nor be burnt by granadoes, for he can quench the fiery darts of the devil; nor be forced by famine, for *a good conſcience is a continuall feaſt.*

2 *He chiefly avoids thoſe ſinnes, to which Souldiers are taxed as moſt ſubject.* Namely common ſwearing, which impayreth ones credit by degrees, and maketh all his promiſes not to be truſted; for he who for no profit will ſinne againſt God, for ſmall profit will treſpaſſe againſt his neighbour; drinking, whoring. When valiant Ziſca, near Pilſen in Bohemia, fought againſt his enemies, he commanded the women which followed his army, to caſt their kerchiefs and partlets on the ground, wherein their enemies being entangled by their ſpurres (for though horſmen, they were forced to alight, and fight on foot, through the roughneſſe of the place) were ſlain before they could * unlooſe their feet. A deep morall may be gathered hence, and women have often been the nets to catch and enſnare the ſouls of many Martiall men.

*Fox Acts and Monum pag. 646.

3 *He counts his Princes lawfull command to be his ſufficient warrant to fight.* In a defenſive warre, when his countrey is * hoſtilely invaded, 'tis pity but his neck ſhould hang in ſuſpence with his conſcience that doubts to fight; in offenſive warre, though the caſe be harder, the common Souldier is not to diſpute, but do * his Princes command. Otherwiſe

* In publicos hoſtes omnis homo miles, *Tertull. Apol. cap. 2.*

* *Ameſius. Caſ. Conſcien. lib. 5. cap. 33.*

wiſe Princes, before they leavie an army of Souldiers, muſt firſt leavy an army of Caſuiſts and Confeſſours to ſatisfie each ſcrupulous Souldier in point of right to the warre; and the moſt cowardly will be the moſt conſcientious, to multiply doubts eternally. Beſides, cauſes of warre are ſo complicated and perplex'd, ſo many things falling in the proſecution, as may alter the originall ſtate thereof, and private Souldiers have neither calling nor ability to dive into ſuch myſteries. But if the conſcience of a Counſellour or Commander in chief remonſtrates in himſelf the unlawfulneſſe of this warre, he is bound humbly to repreſent to his Prince his reaſons againſt it.

4 *He eſteemeth all hardſhip eaſy through hopes of victory.* Moneys are the ſinews of war, yet if theſe ſinews ſhould chance to be ſhrunk, and pay caſually fall ſhort, he takes a fit of this convulſion patiently; he is contented though in cold weather his hands muſt be their own fire, and warm themſelves with working; though he be better armed againſt their enemies then the weather, and his corſlet wholler then his clothes; though he hath more Faſts and Vigills in his almanack then the Romiſh Church did ever enjoyn: he patiently endureth drougth for deſire of honour, and one thirſt quencheth another. In a word, though much indebted to his own back and belly, and unable to pay them, yet he hath credit with himſelf, and confidently runnes on ticket with himſelf, hoping the next victory will diſcharge all ſcores with advantage.

5 *He looks at and alſo through his wages, at Gods glory, and his countreys good.* He counts his pay an honourable addition, but no valuable compenſation for his pains: for what proportion is there betwixt foure ſhillings a-week, and adventuring his life? I cannot ſee how their calling can be lawfull, who for greater wages will fight on any ſide againſt their own King and cauſe;

yea as falſe witneſſes were hired againſt our bleſſed
Mat.28. 15. * Saviour (money will make the mouths of men plead againſt their Maker) ſo were the Giants now in the world, who, as the Poets feigned, made warre againſt God himſelf, and ſhould they offer great pay, they would not want mercenary Souldiers to aſsiſt them.

6 *He attends with all readineſſe on the commands of his Generall*; rendring up his own judgement in obedience to the will and pleaſure of his Leader, and by an implicite faith believing all is beſt which he enjoyneth; leſt otherwiſe he be ſerved as the French Souldier was in Scotland ſome eighty years ſince, who firſt mounted the bulwark of a fort beſieged, whereupon enſued the gaining of the fort: but Mareſcal de* Thermes, the French Generall, firſt knighted him, and then hanged him within an houre after, becauſe he had done it without commandment.

* *Hollman in his book of the Embaſſadour.*

7 *He will not in a bravery expoſe himſelf to needleſſe perill.* 'Tis madneſſe to holloe in the ears of ſleeping temptation, to awaken it againſt ones ſelf, or to go out of his calling to find a danger: But if a danger meets him (as he walks in his vocation) he neither ſtands ſtill, ſtarts aſide, nor ſteps backward, but either goes over it with valour, or under it with patience. All ſingle Duels he deteſteth, as having firſt no command in Gods Word; yea this arbitrary deciding cauſes by the ſword ſubverts the fundamentall Laws of the Scripture: Secondly, no example in Gods Word, that of David and Goliah moving in an higher Sphere, as extraordinary: Thirdly, it tempts God to work a Miracle for mans pleaſure, and to invert the courſe of nature, whereby otherwiſe the ſtronger will beat the weaker: Fourthly, each Dueller challengeth his King as unable or unwilling legally to right him, and therefore he uſurps the office himſelf: Fifthly, if ſlaying, he hazards his neck to the halter; if ſlain, in heat of malice,

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without repentance, he adventures his ſoul to the devil.

Object. But there are ſome intricate caſes (as in Titles of land) which cannot otherwiſe be decided. Seeing therefore that in ſuch difficulties, the right in queſtion cannot be delivered by the midwifery of any judiciall proceedings, then it muſt (with Julius Cæſar in his mothers belly) be cut out and be determined by the ſword.

Anſw. Such a right may better be loſt, then to light a candle from hell to find it out, if the Judges cannot find a middle way to part it betwixt them. Beſides, in ſuch a caſe Duells are no *medium proportionatum* to find out the truth, as never appointed by God to that purpoſe. Nor doth it follow that he hath the beſt in right, who hath the beſt in fight; for he that reads the lawfulneſſe of actions by their events, holds the wrong end of the book upwards.

Object. But ſuppoſe an army of thirty thouſand Infidells ready to fight againſt ten thouſand Chriſtians, yet ſo that at laſt the Infidells are contented to try the day upon the valour of a ſingle Champion; whether in ſuch a caſe may not a Chriſtian undertake to combat with him, the rather becauſe the treble oddes before is thereby reduced to terms of equalitie, and ſo the victory made more probable.

Anſw. The victory was more probable before; becauſe it is more likely God will bleſſe his own means, then means of mans appointing: and it is his prerogative to give victory, as well by few as by many. Probability of conqueſt is not to be meaſured by the eye of humane reaſon, contrary to the ſquare of Gods Word. Beſides, I queſtion whether it be lawfull for a Chriſtian army to derive their right of fighting Gods battels to any

ſingle man. For the title every man hath to promote Gods glory, is ſo inveſted and inherent in his own particular perſon, that he cannot paſſe it over to another. None may appear in Gods ſervice by an Atturney; and when Religion is at the ſtake, there muſt be no lookers on (except impotent people, who alſo help by their prayers) and every one is bound to lay his ſhoulders to the work. Laſtly, would to God no Duels might be fought till this caſe came into queſtion. But how many dayly fall out upon a more falſe, ſlight, and flitting ground, then the ſands of Callis whereon they fight: eſpecially, ſeeing there is an honourable Court appointed, or ſome other equivalent way, for taking up ſuch quarrells, and allowing reparations to the party injured.

Object. But Reputation is ſo ſpirituall a thing it is ineſtimable, and Honour falls not under valuation: Beſides, to complain to the civil Magiſtrate ſheweth no manhood, but is like a childs crying to his father, when he is onely beaten by his equall; and my enemies forc'd acknowledgement of his fault (enjoyn'd him by the Court) ſhews rather his ſubmiſsion to the laws then to me. But if I can civilize his rudeneſſe by my ſword, and chaſtize him into ſubmiſsion, then he ſings his penitentiall ſong in the true tune, and it comes naturally indeed.

Anſw. Honourable perſons in that Court are the moſt competent Judges of Honour, and though Credit be as tender as the apple of the eye, yet ſuch curious oculiſts can cure a blemiſh therein. And why, I pray, is it more diſgrace to repair to the Magiſtrate for redreſſe in Reputation, then to have recourſe to him in actions of treſpaſſe? The pretence of a forced ſubmiſsion is nothing, all ſubmiſsions having *aliquid violentum* in them; and

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even the Evangelicall repentance of Gods ſervants hath a mixture of legall terrour frighting them thereto.

Object. But Gownmen ſpeak out of an antipathy they bear to fighting: ſhould we be rul'd by them, we muſt break all our ſwords into penknifes; and Lawyers, to inlarge their gains, ſend prohibitions to remove ſuits from the Camps to their Courts: Divines are not to be conſulted with herein, as ignorant of the principles of Honour.

Anſw. Indeed Honour is a word of courſe in the talk of roring boyes, and pure enough in it ſelf, except their mouths ſoil it by often uſing of it: But indeed God is the fountain of Honour, Gods Word the Charter of Honour, and godly men the beſt Judges of it; nor is it any ſtain of cowardlineſſe for one to fear hell and damnation.

We may therefore conclude that the laws of Duelling, as the laws of drinking, had their originall from the devil; and therefore the declining of needleſſe quarrels in our Souldier, no abatement of Honour. I commend his diſcretion and valour, who walking in London-ſtreetes met a gallant, who cryed to him a pretty diſtance beforehand, *I will have the wall?* *Yea* (anſwered he) *and take the houſe too, if you can but agree with the Landlord.* But when God, and his Prince, calls for him, our Souldier

Had rather die ten times then once ſurvive his credit. 8
Though life be ſweet, it ſhall not flatter the pallat of his ſoul, as with the ſweetneſſe of life to make him ſwallow down the bitterneſſe of an eternall diſgrace: He begrutcheth not to get to his ſide a probability of victory by the certainty of his own death, and flieth from nothing ſo much as from the mention of flying. And though ſome ſay he is a mad-man that will purchaſe

chaſe Honour ſo dearly with his bloud, as that he cannot live to enjoy what he hath bought; our Souldier knows that he ſhall poſſeſſe the reward of his valour with God in heaven, and alſo making the world his executor, leave to it the rich inheritance of his memory.

9 *Yet in ſome caſes he counts it no diſgrace to yield, where it is impoſſible to conquer*; as when ſwarms of enemies crowd about him, ſo that he ſhall rather be ſtifled then wounded to death: In ſuch a caſe if quarter be offered him, he may take it with more honour then the other can give it; and if he throws up his deſperate game, he may happily winne the next, whereas if he playeth it out to the laſt, he ſhall certainly loſe it and himſelf. But if he be to fall into the hand of a barbarous enemy, whoſe giving him quarter is but repriving him for a more ignominious death, he had rather disburſe his life at the preſent, then to take day to fall into the hands of ſuch remorſleſſe creditours.

10 *He makes none the object of his cruelty, which cannot be the object of his fear.* Lyons they ſay (except forc'd with hunger) will not prey on women and children, * though I would wiſh none to try the truth hereof: the truly valiant will not hurt women or infants, nor will they be cruell to old men. What conqueſt is it to ſtrike him up, who ſtands but on one leg, and hath the other foot in the grave? But arrant cowards (ſuch as would conquer victory it ſelf, if it ſhould ſtand in their way as they flie) count themſelves never evenly match'd, except they have threefold oddes on their ſide, and eſteem their enemie never diſarmed till they be dead. Such love to ſhew a nature ſteep'd in gall of paſsion, and diſplay the ignoble tyrany of prevailing daſtards: theſe being thus valiant againſt no reſiſtance, will make no reſiſtance when they meet with true valour.

* *Plin. Nat. Hiſt. lib. 8. cap. 16.*

11 *He counts it murther to kill any in cold bloud.* Indeed in taking Cities by aſſault (eſpecially when Souldiers have

have ſuffered long in an hard ſiege) it is pardonable what preſent paſsion doth with a ſudden thruſt; but a premeditated back-blow in cold bloud is baſe. Some excuſe there is for bloud enraged, and no wonder if that ſcaldeth which boyleth: but when men ſhall call a conſultation in their ſoul, and iſſue thence a deliberate act, the more adviſed the deed is, the leſſe adviſed it is, when men raiſe their own paſsions, and are not raiſed by them; ſpecially if fair quarter be firſt granted; an alms which he who gives to day may crave to morrow; yea, he that hath the hilt in his hand in the morning, may have the point at his throat ere night.

12 *He doth not barbarouſly abuſe the bodies of his dead enemies.* We find that Hercules was the * firſt (the moſt valiant are ever moſt mercifull) that ever ſuffered his enemies to carry away their dead bodies, after they had been put to the ſword. Belike before his time they cruelly cut the corps in pieces, or caſt them to the wild beaſts.

* *Plutarch. in vita Theſei, Pagin.* 15.

13 *In time of plenty he provides for want hereafter.* Yet generally Souldiers (as if they counted one Treaſurer in an army were enough) ſo hate covetouſneſſe that they cannot affect providence for the future, and come home with more marks in their bodies then pence in their pockets.

14 *He is willing and joyfull to imbrace peace on good conditions.* The procreation of peace, and not the ſatisfying of mens luſts and liberties, is the end of warre. Yet how many, having warre for their poſſeſsion, deſire a perpetuity thereof! Wiſer men then King Henry the eights fool uſe to cry in fair weather, whoſe harveſt being onely in ſtorms, they themſelves deſire to raiſe them; wherefore fearing peace will ſtarve, whom warre hath fatted, and to render themſelves the more uſefull they prolong diſcord to the utmoſt, and could wiſh when ſwords are once drawn that all ſcabbards might be cut aſunder.

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15 *He is as quiet and painfull in peace, as couragious in warre.* If he hath not gotten already enough whereon comfortably to subsist, he rebetakes himself to his former calling he had before the warre began: the weilding of his sword hath not made him unweildie to do any other work, and put his bones out of joynt to take pains. Hence comes it to passe, that some take bycourses on the high-wayes, and death, whom they honourably sought for in the field, meets them in a worse place.

But we leave our Souldier, seeking by his virtues to ascend from a private place, by the degrees of Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, Colonell, till he comes to be a Generall, and then in the next book, God willing, you shall have his example.

Chap. 20.

The good Sea-Captain.

His Military part is concurrent with that of the Souldier already described: He differs onely in some Sea-properties, which we will now set down. Conceive him now in a Man of warre, with his letters of mart, well arm'd victuall'd and appointed, and see how he acquits himself.

Maxime 1 *The more power he hath, the more carefull he is not to abuse it.* Indeed a Sea-captain is a King in the Iland of a ship, supreme Judge, above appeal, in causes civill and criminall, and is seldome brought to an account in Courts of Justice on land, for injuries done to his own men at sea.

2 *He is carefull in observing of the Lords day.* He hath a watch in his heart though no bells in a steeple to proclaim that day by ringing to prayers. S^r^ Francis Drake * in three years sailing about the world lost one whole day, which was scarce considerable in so long time. 'Tis to be feared some Captains at sea lose a day

* *Manuscr. of Mr. Fortescu, who went with him.*

day every week, one in ſeven, neglecting the Sabbath.

3 *He is as pious and thankfull when a tempeſt is paſt, as devout when 'tis preſent*: not clamorous to receive mercies, and tongue-tied to return thanks. Many mariners are calm in a ſtorm, and ſtorm in a calm, bluſtring with oathes. In a tempeſt it comes to their turn to be religious, whoſe piety is but a fit of the wind, and when that's allayed, their devotion is ended.

4 *Eſcaping many dangers makes him not preſumptuous to run into them.* Not like thoſe Sea-men who (as if their hearts were made of thoſe rocks they have often ſayled by) are ſo alwayes in death they never think of it. Theſe in their navigations obſerve that it is farre hotter under the Tropicks in the coming to the Line, then under the Line it ſelf, & in like manner they conceive that the fear & phancy in preparing for death is more terrible then death it ſelf, which makes them by degrees deſperately to contemne it.

5 *In taking a prize he moſt prizeth the mens lives whom he takes*; though ſome of them may chance to be Negroes or Savages. 'Tis the cuſtome of ſome to caſt them overbord, and there's an end of them: for the dumbe fiſhes will tell no tales. But the murder is not ſo ſoon drown'd as the men. What, is a brother by the half bloud no kinne? a Savage hath God to his father by creation, though not the Church to his mother, and God will revenge his innocent bloud. But our Captain counts the image of God nevertheleſſe his image cut in ebony as if done in ivory, and in the blackeſt Moores he ſees the repreſentation of the King of heaven.

6 *In dividing the gains he wrongs none who took pains to get them.* Not ſhifting off his poore mariners with nothing, or giving them onely the garbage of the prize, and keeping all the fleſh to himſelf. In time of peace he quietly returns home, and turns not to the trade of

Pirates, who are the worſt ſea-vermine, and the devils water-rats.

7 *His voyages are not onely for profit, but ſome for honour and knowledge*; to make diſcoveries of new countreys, imitating the worthy Peter Columbus. Before his time the world was cut off at the middle; Hercules Pillars (which indeed are the navell) being made the feet, and utmoſt bounds of the continent, till his ſucceſſefull induſtry inlarged it.

Primus ab infuſis quod terra emerſerat undis
*Nuncius adveniens ipſa *Columba fuit.*
Occiduis primus qui terram invenit in undis
Nuncius adveniens ipſe Columbus erat.

* *Gen.* 8. 11.

Our Sea-captain is likewiſe ambitious to perfect what the other began. He counts it a diſgrace, ſeeing all mankind is one familie, ſundry countreys but ſeverall rooms, that we who dwell in the parlour (ſo he counts Europe) ſhould not know the out-lodgings of the ſame houſe, and the world be ſcarce acquainted with it ſelf before it be diſſolved from it ſelf at the day of judgement.

8 *He daily ſees, and duly conſiders Gods wonders in the deep.* Tell me, ye Naturaliſts, who ſounded the firſt march and retreat to the Tide, *Hither ſhalt thou come, and no further*? why doth not the water recover his right over the earth, being higher in nature? whence came the ſalt, and who firſt boyled it, which made ſo much brine? when the winds are not onely wild in a ſtorm, but even ſtark mad in an herricano, who is it that reſtores them again to their wits, and brings them aſleep in a calm? who made the mighty whales, who ſwim in a ſea of water, and have a ſea of oyl ſwimming in them? who firſt taught the water to imitate the creatures on land? ſo that the ſea is the ſtable of horſe-fiſhes, the ſtall of kine-fiſhes, the ſtye of hog-fiſhes, the kennell of dog-fiſhes, and in all things the ſea the ape of the land. Whence growes the amber-greece

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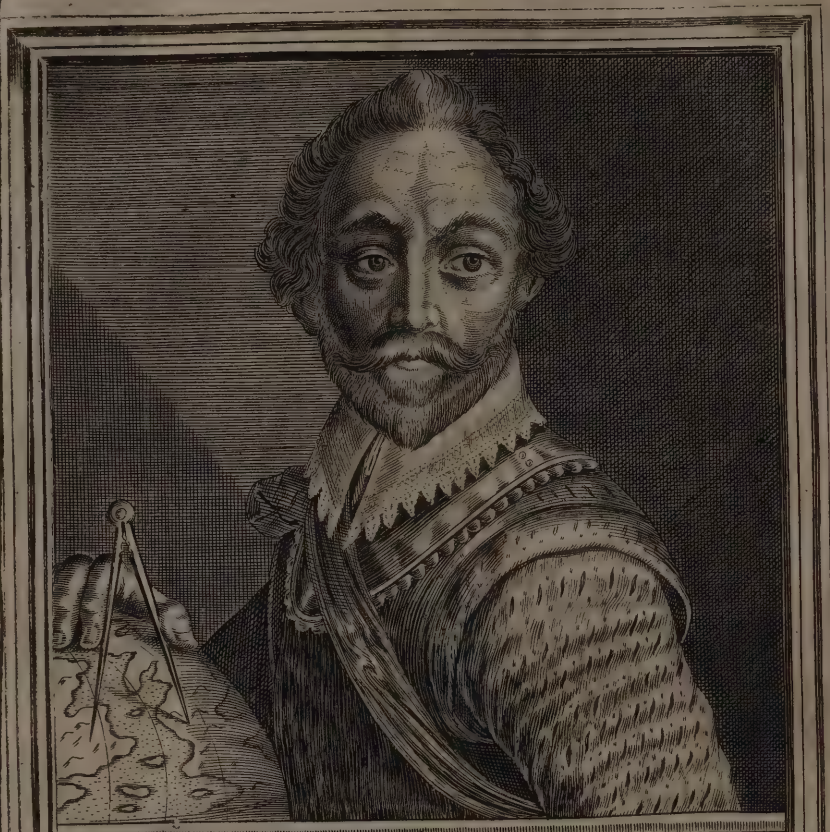
in the Sea? which is not ſo hard to find where it is, as to know what it is. Was not God the firſt ſhipwright? and all veſſels on the water deſcended from the loyns (or ribs rather) of Noahs ark; or elſe who durſt be ſo bold with a few crooked boards nayled together, a ſtick ſtanding upright, and a rag tied to it, to adventure into the ocean? what loadſtone firſt touched the loadſtone? or how firſt fell it in love with the North, rather affecting that cold climate, then the pleaſant Eaſt, or fruitfull South, or Weſt? how comes that ſtone to know more then men, and find the way to the land in a miſt? In moſt of theſe men take ſanctuary at *Occulta qualitas*, and complain that the room is dark, when their eyes are blind. Indeed they are Gods Wonders; and that Seaman the greateſt Wonder of all for his blockiſhneſſe, who ſeeing them dayly neither takes notice of them, admires at them, nor is thankfull for them.



S^r FRANCIS DRAKE *one of the first of those w^ch in his Sea voyages put a Girdle about the* World. *He Died upon the Seas. Anno Dñi 1595. WM. sculp:*

CHAP. 21.

The life of Sir FRANCIS DRAKE.

FRancis Drake was born nigh* south Taveſtock in Devonſhire, and brought up in Kent; God dividing the honour betwixt two Counties, that the one might have his birth, and the other his education. His Father, being a Miniſter, fled into Kent for fear of the Six Articles, wherein the ſting of Popery ſtill remained in England, though the teeth thereof were knock'd out, and the Popes Supremacy aboliſh-

* *Sr. Francis Drake his nephew in the deſcript. of his third voyage, Epiſtle to the Reader.*

aboliſhed. Coming into Kent, he bound his ſonne Francis apprentice to the Maſter of a ſmall bark, which traded into France, and Zealand, where he underwent a hard ſervice; and pains with patience in his youth did knit the joynts of his ſoul, and made them more ſolid and compacted. His Maſter dying unmarried, in reward of his induſtry, bequeath'd his bark unto him for a Legacie.

For ſome time he continued his Maſters profeſsion: But the Narrow Seas were a priſon for ſo large a ſpirit, born for greater undertakings. He ſoon grew weary of his bark, which would ſcarce go alone but as it crept along by the ſhore: wherefore ſelling it, he unfortunately ventured moſt of his eſtate with Captain John Hawkins into the Weſt Indies, whoſe goods were taken by the Spaniards at *S.* John de Ulva, and he himſelf ſcarce eſcaped with life. The King of Spain being ſo tender in thoſe parts, that the leaſt touch doth wound him; and ſo jealous of the Weſt Indies, his wife, that willingly he would have none look upon her, and therefore uſed them with the greater ſeverity. 1567.

Drake was perſwaded by the Miniſter of his ſhip that he might lawfully recover in value of the King of Spain, and repair his loſſes upon him any where elſe. The Caſe was clear in ſea-divinity, and few are ſuch Infidels, as not to believe doctrines which make for their own profit. Whereupon Drake, though a poore private man, hereafter undertook to revenge himſelf on ſo mighty a Monarch; who, as not contented that the Sun riſeth and ſetteth in his dominions, may ſeem to deſire to make all his own where he ſhineth. And now let us ſee how a dwarf, ſtanding on the Mount of Gods providence, may prove an overmatch for a giant.

After two or three ſeverall Voyages to gain intelligence in the Weſt Indies, and ſome prizes taken, at

laſt he effectually ſet forward from Plimouth with two ſhips, the one of ſeventy, the other twenty five tunnes, and ſeventy three men and boyes in both. He made with all ſpeed and ſecrecy to Nombre de Dios, as loth to put the Town to too much charge (which he knew they would willingly beſtow) in providing beforehand for his entertainment; which City was then the granary of the Weſt Indies, wherein the golden harveſt brought from Panama was hoarded up till it could be conveyed into Spain. They came hard aboard the ſhore, and lay quiet all night intending to attempt the Town in the dawning of the day.

But he was forced to alter his reſolution, and aſſault it ſooner; for he heard his men muttering amongſt themſelves of the ſtrength and greatneſſe of the Town: and when mens heads are once fly-blown with buzzes of ſuſpicion, the vermine multiply inſtantly, and one jealouſie begets another. Wherefore he raiſed them from their neſt before they had hatch'd their fears, and to put away thoſe conceits, he perſwaded them it was day-dawning when the Moon roſe, and inſtantly ſet on the Town, and wonne it being unwalled. In the Market-place the Spaniards ſaluted them with a volley of ſhot; Drake returned their greeting with a flight of arrows, the beſt and ancient Engliſh complement, which drave their enemies away. Here Drake received a dangerous wound, though he valiantly conceal'd it a long time, knowing if his heart ſtooped, his mens would fall, and loth to leave off the action, wherein if ſo bright an opportunity once ſetteth, it ſeldome riſeth again. But at length his men forced him to return to his ſhip, that his wound might be dreſſed, and this unhappy accident defeated the whole deſigne. Thus victory ſometimes ſlips thorow their fingers, who have caught it in their hands.

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But his valour would not let him give over the project as long as there was either life or warmth in it: And therefore having received intelligence from the Negroes, called Symerons, of many mules-lading of gold and silver, which was to be brought from Panama, he leaving competent numbers to man his ships went on land with the rest, and bestowed himself in the woods by the way as they were to passe, and so intercepted and carried away an infinite masse of gold. As for the silver which was not portable over the mountains, they digged holes in the ground and hid it therein.

There want not those who love to beat down the price of every honourable action, though they themselves never mean to be chapmen. These cry up Drakes fortune herein to cry down his valour; as if this his performance were nothing, wherein a golden opportunity ran his head with his long forelock into Drakes hands beyond expectation. But certainly his resolution and unconquerable patience deserved much praise, to adventure on such a designe, which had in it just no more probability then what was enough to keep it from being impossible: yet I admire not so much at all the treasure he took, as at the rich and deep mine of Gods providence.

Having now full fraughted himself with wealth, and burnt at the House of Crosses above two hundred thousand pounds worth of Spanish Merchandise, he returned with honour and safety into England, and some * years after undertook that his famous voyage about the world, most accurately described by our English Authours: and yet a word or two thereof will not be amisse.

* 1577. December. 13.

Setting forward from Plimouth, he bore up for Caboverd, where near to the Iland of S. Jago he took prisoner Nuno-da-Silva, an experienc'd Spanish pilot, whose direction he used in the coasts of Brasil and Magellan

Magellan ſtraits, and afterwards ſafely landed him at Guatulco in New Spain. Hence they took their courſe to the iland of Brava, and hereabouts they met with thoſe tempeſtuous winds, whoſe onely praiſe is, that they continue not above an houre, in which time they change * all the points of the compaſſe. Here they had great plenty of rain, poured (not as in other places, as it were out of ſives, but) as out of ſpouts, ſo that a but of water falls down in a place : which notwithſtanding is but a courteous injury in that hot climate farre from land, and where otherwiſe freſh water cannot be provided : then cutting the Line, they ſaw the face of that heaven which earth hideth from us, but therein onely three * ſtarres of the firſt greatneſſe, the reſt few and ſmall compared to our Hemiſphere, as if God, on purpoſe, had ſet up the beſt and biggeſt candles in that room wherein his civileſt gueſts are entertained.

* *Manuſc. of Geor. Forteſcue who went the voyage with Sr Fran. Drake.*

* *Cambd. Eliza. Anno 1580. p. 323.*

Sayling the South of Braſile, he afterwards paſſed the * Magellan ſtraits, and then entred *Mare pacificum*, came to the Southermoſt land at the height of 55 ½ latitude; thence directing his courſe Northward, he pillaged many Spaniſh Towns, and took rich prizes of high value in the kingdomes of Chily, Peru, and New Spain. Then bending Eaſtwards, he coaſted China, and the Moluccoes, where by the King of Terrenate, a true Gentleman Pagan, he was moſt honourably entertain'd : The King told them, They and he were all of one religion in this reſpect, that they believed * not in Gods made of ſtocks and ſtones as did the Portugalls. He furniſh'd them alſo with all neceſſaries that they wanted.

* *Auguſt.* 20. 1578.

* *Manuſcri. Geor. Forteſcue*

On the ninth of * January following, his ſhip, having a large wind and a ſmooth ſea, ran a ground on a dangerous ſhole, and ſtrook twice on it, knocking twice at the doore of death, which no doubt had opened the third time. Here they *ſtuck from eight a clock at night till

* 1579.

* *Hacluits voyage, p. 741. 3. vol.*

till foure the next afternoon, having ground too much, and yet too little to land on, and water too much, and yet too little to ſail in. Had God (*who*, as the wiſeman ſaith, Prov. 30. 4. *holdeth the winds in his fiſt*) but opened his little finger, and let out the ſmalleſt blaſt, they had undoubtedly been caſt away; but there blew not any wind all the while. Then they conceiving aright that the beſt way to lighten the ſhip, was firſt to eaſe it of the burthen of their ſinnes by true repentance, humbled themſelves by faſting under the hand of God: Afterwards they received the Communion, dining on Chriſt in the Sacrament, expecting no other then to ſup with him in heaven: Then they caſt out of their ſhip ſix great pieces of ordinance, threw over-board as much wealth as would break the heart of a Miſer to think on't, with much ſuger, and packs of ſpices, making a caudle of the ſea round about: Then they betook themſelves to their prayers, the beſt lever at ſuch a dead lift indeed, and it pleaſed God that the wind, formerly their mortall enemy, became their friend, which changing from the Starboard to the Larboard of the ſhip, and riſing by degrees, cleared them off to the ſea again, for which they returned unfeigned thanks to almighty God.

By the Cape of good hope and weſt of Africa he returned ſafe into England, and landed at * Plimouth, (being almoſt the firſt of thoſe that made a thorow-light through the world) having in his whole voyage, though a curious ſearcher after the time, loſt one day through the variation of ſeverall Climates. He feaſted the Queen in his ſhip at Dartford, who Knighted him for his ſervice: yet it grieved him not a little, that ſome prime * Courtiers refuſed the gold he offer'd them, as gotten by piracy. Some of them would have been loth to have been told, that they had *Aurum Tholoſanum* in their own purſes. Some think that they did it to ſhew that their envious pride was above their covetouſneſſe,

* *Novemb.* 3. 1580.

* *Camb. Eliza. Anno ut prius, pag.* 127.

who of set purpose did blur the fair copy of his performance, because they would not take pains to write after it.

1585. I passe by his next *West Indian voyage, wherein he took the Cities of S. Jago, S. Domingo, Carthagena, and S. Augustine in Florida: as also his service performed in 88, wherein he with many others helped to the waining of that half Moon, which sought to govern all the motion of our Sea. I hast to his last Voyage.

1595. Queen Elizabeth perceiving that the onely way to make the Spaniard a criple for ever, was to cut his Sinews of warre in the West Indies, furnished Sr Francis Drake, and Sr John Hawkins with six of her own ships, besides 21 ships and Barks of their own providing, containing in all 2500 Men and Boyes, for some service on America. But, alas, this voyage was marr'd before begun. For so great preparations being too big for a cover, the King of Spain knew of it, and sent a Caravall of advisо to the West Indies, so that they had intelligence * three weeks before the Fleet set forth of England, either to fortifie, or remove their treasure; whereas in other of Drakes Voyages not two of his own men knew whither he went; and managing such a designe is like carrying a Mine in warre, if it hath any vent, all is spoyled. Besides, Drake and Hawkins being in joynt Commission hindred each other. The later took himself to be inferiour rather in successe then skill, and the action was unlike to prosper when neither would follow, and both could not handsomly go abreast. It vexed old Hawkins that his counsell was not followed, in present sayling to America, but that they spent time in vain in assaulting the Canaries; and the grief that his advice was slighted (say some) was the cause of his death. Others impute it to the sorrow he took, for the taking of his Bark called the Francis, which five Spanish Frigates had intercepted: But whē the same heart hath two mortall wounds given it together, 'tis hard to say which of them killeth. Drake

* *Hacluits voyage, 3. vol. pag. 583.*

Drake continued his course for Port-Rico, and riding within the roade, a shot from the Castle entred the steerage of the ship, took away the stool from under him as he sate at supper, wounded S^r Nicholas Clifford and Brute Brown to death. *Ah dear* * *Brute* (said Drake) *I could grieve for thee, but now is no time for me to let down my spirits.* And indeed a Souldiers most proper bemoaning a friends death in warre is in revenging it. And sure, as if grief had made the English furious, they soon after fired five Spanish ships of two hundred tunnes apiece, in despight of the Castle.

* *From the mouth of Henr. Drake Esquire there present, my dear and worthy parishioner lately deceased.*

America is not unfitly resembled to an Houre-glasse, which hath a narrow neck of land (suppose it the hole where the sand passeth) betwixt the parts thereof, Mexicana & Pervana. Now the English had a designe to march by land over this Isthmus from Port-Rico to Panama, where the Spanish treasure was layd up. S^r Thomas Baskervile, Generall of the land-forces, undertook the service with seven hundred and fifty armed men. They marched through deep wayes, the Spaniards much annoying them with shot out of the woods. One fort in the passage they assaulted in vain, and heard that two others were built to stop them, besides Panama it self. They had so much of this breakfast, they thought they should surfet of a dinner and supper of the same. No hope of conquest, except with cloying the jaws of Death, and thrusting men on the mouth of the Canon. Wherefore fearing to find the Proverb true, That Gold may be bought too dear, they returned to their ships. Drake afterwards fired Nombre de Dios, and many other petty Towns (whose treasure the Spaniards had conveyed away) burning the empty casks, when their precious liquour was runne out before, and then prepared for their returning home.

Great was the difference betwixt the Indian cities

now from what they were when Drake first haunted these coasts: At first the Spaniards here were safe and secure, counting their treasure sufficient to defend it self, the remoteness thereof being the greatest (almost onely) resistance, and the fetching of it more then the fighting for it. Whilest the King of Spain guarded the head and heart of his dominions in Europe, he left his long legs in America open to blows, till finding them to smart, being beaten black and blew by the English, he learned to arm them at last, fortifying the most important of them to make them impregnable.

Now began S^r Francis his discontent to feed upon him. He conceived that expectation, a mercilesse usurer, computing each day since his departure exacted an interest and return of honour and profit proportionable to his great preparations, and transcending his former atchievements. He saw that all the good which he had done in this voyage, consisted in the evill he had done to the Spaniards afarre off, whereof he could present but small visible fruits in England. These apprehensions accompanying if not causing the disease of the flux wrought his sudden * death. And sicknesse did not so much untie his clothes, as sorrow did rend at once the robe of his mortality asunder. He lived by the sea, died on it, and was buried in it. Thus an ex-tempore performance (scarce heard to be begun before we hear it is ended) comes off with better applause, or miscarries with lesse disgrace, then a long studied and openly premeditated action. Besides, we see how great spirits, having mounted to the highest pitch of performance, afterwards strain and break their credits in striving to go beyond it. Lastly, God oftentimes leaves the brightest men in an eclipse, to shew that they do but borrow their lustre from his reflection. We will not justifie all the actions of any man, though of a tamer profession then a Sea-

* January 28. 1595.

Sea-Captain, in whom civility is often counted preciſeneſſe. For the main, we ſay that this our Captain was a religious man towards God and his houſes (generally ſparing Churches where he came) chaſt in his life, juſt in his dealings, true of his word, and mercifull to thoſe that were under him, hating nothing ſo much as idleneſſe: And therefore leſt his ſoul ſhould ruſt in peace, at ſpare houres he brought freſh water to Plimouth. Carefull he was for poſterity (though men of his profeſsion have as well an ebbe of riot, as a flote of fortune) and providently raiſed a worſhipfull Family of his kinred. In a word, ſhould thoſe that ſpeak againſt him faſt till they fetch their bread where he did his, they would have a good ſtomach to eat it.

Chap. 22.

The good Herald.

HE is a Warden of the temple of Honour. Mutuall neceſsity made mortall enemies agree in theſe Officers; the lungs of Mars himſelf would be burnt to pieces having no reſpiration in a truce. Heralds therefore were invented to proclaim peace or warre, deliver meſſages about ſummons of forts, ranſoming of captives, burying the dead, and the like.

Maxime 1

He is grave and faithfull in diſcharging the ſervice he is imployed in. The names which Homer gives the Grecian Cerryces, excellently import their virtues in diſcharging their office: One was called Aſphalio, *ſuch an one as made ſure work*; another Eurybates, *cunning and ſubtle*; a third Theotes, from his piety and godlineſſe; a fourth Stentor, from his loud and audible pronouncing of meſſages. Therefore of every Heathen ſacrifice the * tongue was cut out, and given to the Heralds, to ſhew that liberty of ſpeech in all places was allowed them.

* *Sr. Hen. Spelman Gloſſar. de verbo* Herald.

2 *He imbitters not a distastfull message to a forrein Prince by his indiscretion in delivering it.* Commendable was the gravity of Guien King of arms in France, and Thomas Bevolt Clarenceaux of England, sent by their severall Princes to defie Charles the Emperour. For after leave demanded and obtained to deliver the message with safe conduct to their persons, they delivered the Emperour the lie in writing, and defying him were sent home safe with rewards. It fared worse with a fooliſh French Herald, sent from the Count of Orgell to challenge combat with the Count of Cardonna, Admiral of Arragon, where instead of wearing his Coat of Arms the Herald was attired in a long linen garment, painted with some dishoneſt actions, imputed to the said Count of Cardonna. But Ferdinand King of Arragon caused the Herald to be whipt naked through the streets * of Barcelona, as a punishment of his presumption. Thus his indiscretion remitted him to the nature of an ordinary person, his Armour of proof of publick credence fell off, and he left naked to the stroke of justice, no longer a publick Officer, but a private offender. Passe we now from his use in warre to his imployment in peace.

*Span. Hist. in the life of Ferdinand.

3 *He is skilfull in the pedigrees and descents of all ancient Gentry.* Otherwise, to be able onely to blazon a Coat doth no more make an Herald, then the reading the titles of Gally-pots makes a Physician. Bring our Herald to a Monument, *ubi jacet epitaphium,* and where the Arms on the Tombe are not onely creſt-fallen, but their colours scarce to be discerned, and he will tell whose they be, if any certainty therein can be rescued from the teeth of Time. But how shamefull was the ignorance of the French * Heralds some fourty years since, who at a solemn entertainment of Queen Mary of Florence, wife to King Henrie the fourth, did falsly devise and blazon both the Arms of Florence, and the Arms of the Daulphin of France, now King thereof.

* *Andr. Favin (a Parisian Advocate) in his Theatre of Honour, 1. book 4. chap. pag. 35*

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He carefully preſerveth the memories of extinguiſh'd Families, of ſuch Zelophehads, who dying left onely daughters. He is more faithfull to many ancient Gentlemen then their own Heirs were, who ſold their lands, and with them (as much as in them lay) their memories, which our Herald carefully treaſureth up. 4

He reſtoreth many to their own rightfull Arms. An Heir is a Phenix in a familie, there can be but one of them at the ſame time. Hence comes it often to paſſe, that younger brothers of gentile families live in low wayes, clouded often amongſt the Yeomanry; and yet thoſe under-boughs grow from the ſame root with the top-branches. It may happen afterwards that by induſtry they may advance themſelves to their former luſtre; and good reaſon they ſhould recover their ancient enſignes of honour belonging unto them: For the river Anas in Spain, though running many miles under ground, when it comes up again is ſtill the ſame river which it was before. And yet 5

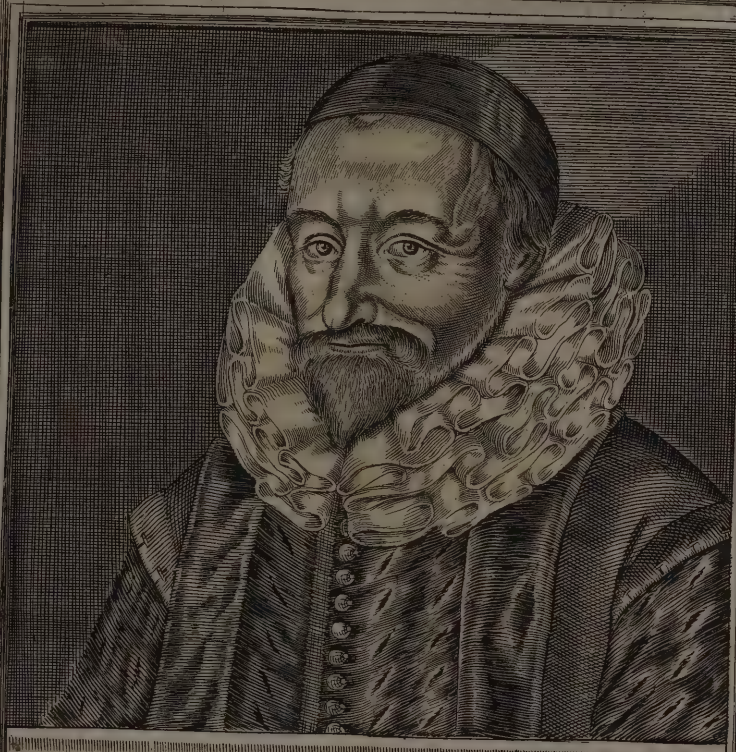
He curbs their Vſurpation who unjuſtly entitle themſelves to ancient Houſes. Hierophilus a*Ferrier in Rome pretended himſelf to be nephew to C. Marius, who had ſeven times been Conſul, and carried it in ſo high a ſtrain that many believed him, and ſome companies in Rome accepted him for their Patron. Such want not amongſt us, who in ſpight of the ſtock will engraff themſelves into noble bloods, and thence derive their pedegree. Hence they new mould their names, taking from them, adding to them, melting out all the liquid letters, torturing mutes to make them ſpeak, and making vowels dumbe to bring it to a fallacious Homonomy at the laſt, that their names may be the ſame with thoſe noble Houſes they pretend to. By this trick (to forbear dangerous inſtances, if affinity of ſound makes kinred) Lutulentus makes himſelf kinne to Luculentus, dirt to light, and Anguſtus to Auguſtus, ſome narrow-hearted Peaſant, to ſome large-ſpirited Prince, 6

* *Valer. Max. lib. 9. cap. 16.*

Prince, except our good Herald marre their mart, and discover their forgery. For well he knows where indeed the names are the same (though alter'd through variety of writing in severall ages, and disguis'd by the lisping of vulgar people, who miscall hard French Sirnames) and where the equivocation is untruly affected.

7 *He assignes honourable Arms to such as raise themselves by deserts.* In all ages their must be as well a beginning of new Gentry, as an ending of ancient. And let not *Linea*, when farre extended in length, grow so proud as to scorn the first *Punctum* which gave it the originall. Our Herald knows also to cure the surfet of Coats, and unsurcharge them, and how to wash out stained colours, when the merits of Posterity have outworn the disgraces of their Ancestours.

8 *He will not for any profit favour wealthy unworthinesse.* If a rich Clown (who deserves that all his shield should be the Base point) shall repair to the Herald-office, as to a drapers shop, wherein any Coat may be bought for money, he quickly finds himself deceived. No doubt if our Herald gives him a Coat, he gives him also a badge with it.



WILLIAM CAMBDEN Clarenciaux *king of Armes. He dyed at Westminster Anno Dñi 1623. Aged 74 yeares.*

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Chap. 23.

The life of M^r W. Cambden.

William Cambden was born *Anno* 1550 in old Baily, in the City of London. His Father, Sampson Cambden, was descended of honest parentage in Staffordshire; but by his Mothers side he was extracted from the worshipfull family of the * Curwens in Cumberland.

He was brought up first in Christ-Church, then in Pauls School in London, and at fifteen years of age went

* A quibus nobis (abſit invidia) genus maternum, *Cambd. Brit. in Cumber.*

went to Magdalen Colledge in Oxford, and thence to * Broadgates Hall, where he first made those short Latine Graces, which the Servitours still use. From hence he was removed, and made student of Christ Church, where he profited to such eminency, that he was preferred to be Master of Westminster School, a most famous seminarie of learning.

* *Ex Parentatione Degorii Wheat.*

For whereas before, of the two grand Schools of England, one sent all her Foundation-scholars to Cambridge, the other all to Oxford, the good Queen (as the Head equally favouring both Breasts of Learning and Religion) divided her Scholars here betwixt both Universities, which were enriched with many hopefull plants sent from hence, through Cambdens learning, diligence, and clemency. Sure none need pity the beating of that Scholar, who would not learn without it under so meek a Master.

His deserts call'd him hence to higher employments. The Queen first made him Richmond Herald, and then Clarenceaux King of Arms. We reade how Dionysius first King of Sicily turn'd afterwards a Schoolmaster in his old age. Behold here Dionysius inverted, one that was a Schoolmaster in his youth become a King (of Arms) in his riper years, which place none ever did or shall discharge with more integrity. He was a most exact Antiquary, witnesse his worthy work, which is a comment on three kingdomes; and never was so large a text more briefly, so dark a text more plainly expounded. Yea what a fair garment hath been made out of the very shreds and Remains of that greater Work?

It is most worthy observation with what diligence he inquired after ancient places, making Hue and Crie after many a City which was run away, and by certain marks and tokens pursuing to find it; as by the situation on the *Romane high-wayes, by just distance from other ancient cities, by some affinity of name, by

*Watlin } street
Ermin }

by tradition of the inhabitants, by Romane coyns digged up, and by ſome appearance of ruines. A broken urn is a whole evidence, or an old gate ſtill ſurviving, out of which the city is run out. Beſides, commonly ſome new ſpruce town, not farre off, is grown out of the aſhes thereof, which yet hath ſo much naturall affection, as dutifully to own thoſe reverend ruines for her Mother.

By theſe and other means he arrived at admirable knowledge, and reſtored Britain to her ſelf. And let none tax him for preſumption in conjectures where the matter was doubtfull; for many probable conjectures have ſtricken the fire, out of which Truths candle hath been lighted afterwards. Beſides, conjectures, like parcells of unknown ore, are ſold but at low rates: If they prove ſome rich metall, the buyer is a great gainer; if baſe, no looſer, for he payes for it accordingly.

His candour and ſweet temper was highly to be commended, gratefully acknowledging thoſe by whom he was aſsiſted in the work (in ſuch a caſe confeſsion puts the difference betwixt ſtealing and borrowing) and ſurely ſo heavy a log needed more levers then one. He honourably mentioneth ſuch as differ from him in opinion; not like thoſe Antiquaries, who are ſo ſnarling one had as good diſſent a mile as an hairs breadth from them.

Moſt of the Engliſh ancient Nobility and Gentry he hath unpartially obſerved. Some indeed object that he * claws and flatters the Grandees of his own age, extolling ſome families rather great then ancient, making them to flow from a farre fountain becauſe they had a great channell, eſpecially if his private friends. But this cavil hath more of malice then truth: indeed 'tis pitty he ſhould have a tongue, that hath not a word for a friend on juſt occaſion; and juſtly might the ſtream of his commendations run broader, where meeting

* *Hugh Holland in the life of the Earl of Leiceſter.*

with a confluence of desert and friendshi p in the same party. For the main, his pen is sincere and unpartiall, and they who complain that Grantham steeple stands awry will not set a straiter by it.

Some say that in silencing many gentile families, he makes baulks of as good ground as any he ploweth up. But these again acquit him, when they consider that it is not onely difficult but impossible to anatomize the English Gentry so exactly, as to shew where every smallest vein thereof runs. Besides, many Houses, conceived to be by him omitted, are rather rightly placed by him, not where they live, but whence they came. Lastly, we may perceive that he prepared another work on purpose for the English Gentry.

I say nothing of his learned Annalls of Queen Elizabeth, industriously performed. His very enemies (if any) cannot but commend him. Sure he was as farre from loving * Popery, as from hating Learning, though that aspersion be generall on Antiquaries; as if they could not honour hoary hairs, but presently themselves must doat.

* *These words he wrote in the beginning of his Testament*, Christi solius meritis & satisfactione spem omnem salutis meæ semper niti profiteor.

His liberality to Learning is sufficiently witnessed in his Founding of an History-Professour in Oxford, to which he gave the mannour of Bexley in Kent, worth in present a hundred and fourty pounds, but (some years expired) foure hundred pounds *per Annum*, so that he merited that distich,

Est tibi pro Tumulo, Cambdene, Britannia tota,
Oxonium vivens est Epigramma tibi.

The Military part of his office he had no need to imploy, passing it most under a peaceable Prince. But now having lived many years in honour and esteem, death at last, even contrarie to *Jus Gentium*, kill'd this worthy Herald, so that it seems, Mortality, the Law of Nature, is above the Law of Arms. He died *Anno* 1623. the ninth of November, in the seventie fourth yeare of his age.

Chap. 24.

The true Gentleman.

WE will consider him in his Birth, Breeding, and Behaviour.

He is extracted from ancient and worshipfull parentage. Maxime 1
When a Pepin is planted on a Pepin-stock, the fruit growing thence is called a *Renate, a most delicious apple, as both by Sire and Damme well descended. Thus his bloud must needs be well purified who is gentilely born on both sides.

*Draitons Polio'bion, p.298.

If his birth be not, at leastwise his qualities are generous. 2
What if he cannot with the Hevenninghams of Suffolk count *five and twenty Knights of his familie, or tell *sixteen Knights successively with the Tilneys of Norfolk, or with the Nauntons shew where their Ancestours had *seven hundred pound a yeare before or at the conqueſt; yet he hath endeavoured by his own deserts to ennoble himself. Thus Valour makes him sonne to Cæsar, Learning entitles him kinsman to Tully, & Piety reports him nephew to godly Constantine. It graceth a Gentleman of low descent & high desert, when he will own the meanness of his parentage. How ridiculous is it when many men brag, that their families are more ancient then the Moon, which all know are later then the starre which some seventy years since shined in Cassiopea. But if he be generously born, see how his parents breed him.

*Weavers fun. mon. pag. 854.
*Idem. p. 818.

*Idem. p. 758.

He is not in his youth possest with the great hopes of his possession. 3
No flatterer reads constantly in his ears a survey of the lands he is to inherit. This hath made many boyes thoughts swell so great they could never be kept in compasse afterwards. Onely his Parents acquaint him that he is the next undoubted Heir to correction, if misbehaving himself; and he finds no more favour from his Schoolmaster then his School-

master finds diligence in him, whose rod respects persons no more then bullets are partiall in a battel.

4 *At the Vniversity he is so studious as if he intended Learning for his profession.* He knowes well that cunning is no burthen to carry, as paying neither portage by land, nor poundage by sea. Yea though to have land be a good First, yet to have learning is the surest Second, which may stand to it when the other may chance to be taken away.

5 *At the Innes of Court he applyes himself to learn the Laws of the kingdome.* Object not, Why should a Gentleman learn law, who if he needeth it may have it for his money, and if he hath never so much of his own, he must but give it away. For what a shame is it for a man of quality to be ignorant of Solon in our Athens, of Lycurgus in our Sparta? Besides, law will help him to keep his own, and besteed his neighbours. Say not, that there be enough which make this their set practice: for so there are also many masters of defence by their profession; and shall private men therefore learn no skill at their weapons.

As for the Hospitality, the Apparell, the Travelling, the Companie, the Recreations, the Marriage of Gentlemen, they are described in severall Chapters in the following Book. A word or two of his behaviour in the countrey.

6 *He is courteous and affable to his neighbours.* As the sword of the best tempered mettall is most flexible; so the truly generous are most pliant and courteous in their behaviour to their inferiours.

7 *He delights to see himself, and his servants well mounted:* therefore he loveth good Horsemanship. Let never any forrein Rabshakeh send that brave to our Jerusalem, offering *to lend her* * *two thousand horses, if she be able for her part to set riders upon them.* We know how Darius got the Persian Empire from the rest of his fellow

* 2. *Kings.* 18. 23.

Peeres,

Peeres, by the first neighing of his generous steed. It were no harm if in some needlesse suits of intricate precedencie betwixt equall Gentlemen, the priority were adjudged to him who keeps a stable of most serviceable horses.

He furnisheth and prepareth himself in peace against time of warre. Lest it be too late to learn when his skill is to be used. He approves himself couragious when brought to the triall, as well remembring the custome which is used at the Creation of Knights of the Bath, wherein the Kings Master-Cook * cometh forth, & presenteth his great knife to the new-made Knights, admonishing them to be faithfull and valiant, otherwise he threatens them that that very knife is prepared to cut off their spurres.

If the Commission of the Peace finds him out, he faithfully discharges it. I say, Finds him out; for a publick Office is a guest which receives the best usage from them who never invited it. And though he declined the Place, the countrey knew to prize his worth, who would be ignorant of his own. He compounds many petty differences betwixt his neighbours, which are easier ended in his own Porch then in Westminster-hall: for many people think, if once they have fetched a warrant from a Justice, they have given earnest to follow the suit, though otherwise the matter be so mean that the next nights sleep would have bound both parties to the peace, and made them as good friends as ever before. Yet

He connives not at the smothering of punishable faults. He hates that practice, as common as dangerous amongst countrey people, who having received again the goods which were stollen from them, partly out of foolish pity, and partly out of covetousnesse to save charges in prosecuting the law, let the thief escape unpunished. Thus whilest private losses are repaired, the wounds to the Commonwealth (in the breach of the Laws)

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* *Mr. Selden in his titles of Honour, pag. 820.*

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Laws) are left uncured: And thus petty Larceners are encouraged into Felons, and afterwards are hang'd for pounds, becauſe never whipt for pence, who, if they had felt the cord, had never been brought to the halter.

11 *If choſen a Member of Parliament he is willing to do his Countrey ſervice.* If he be no Rhetorician to raiſe affections, (yea Barnabas was a * greater ſpeaker then S. Paul himſelf) he counts it great wiſdome to be the good manager of Yea and Nay. The ſlow pace of his judgement is recompenced by the ſwift following of his affections, when his judgement is once ſoundly inform'd. And here we leave him in conſultation, wiſhing him with the reſt of his honourable Society all happy ſucceſſe.

* *Acts* 14.12.

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THE THIRD BOOK.
Containing Generall Rules.

CHAP. I.
Of Hoſpitality.

HOſpitality is threefold: for ones familie; this is of Neceſsity: for ſtrangers; this is Courteſie: for the poore; this is Charity. Of the two latter.

To keep a diſorderly houſe is the way to keep neither houſe nor lands. For whileſt they keep the greateſt roaring, their ſtate ſteals away in the greateſt ſilence. Yet when many conſume themſelves with ſecret vices, then Hoſpitality bears the blame: whereas it is not the Meat but the Sauce, not the Supper but the Gaming after it, doth undoe them. *Maxime* 1.

Meaſure not thy entertainment of a gueſt by his eſtate, but thine own. Becauſe he is a Lord, forget not that thou art but a Gentleman: otherwiſe if with feaſting him thou breakeſt thy ſelf, he will not cure thy rupture, and (perchance) rather deride then pitie thee. 2

When proviſion (as we ſay) groweth on the ſame, it is miraculouſly multiplied. In Northamptonſhire all the rivers of the County are bred in it, beſides thoſe (Ouſe and Charwell) it lendeth and ſendeth into other ſhires: So the good Houſekeeper hath a fountain of wheat in his field, mutton in his fold, &c. both to ſerve himſelf, 3

and ſupply others. The expence of a feaſt will but breath him, which will tire another of the ſame eſtate who buyes all by the penny.

4. *Mean mens palates are beſt pleaſed with fare rather plentifull then various, ſolid then dainty.* Dainties will coſt more, and content leſſe, to thoſe that are not Criticall enough to diſtinguiſh them.

5 *Occaſionall entertainment of men greater then thy ſelf is better then ſolemn inviting them.* Then ſhort warning is thy large excuſe: whereas otherwiſe, if thou doſt not overdo thy eſtate, thou ſhalt underdo his expectation, for thy feaſt will be but his ordinary fare. A King of France was often pleaſed in his hunting wilfully to loſe himſelf, to find the houſe of a private Park-keeper; where going from the School of State-affairs, he was pleaſed to make a play-day to himſelf. He brought ſauce (Hunger) with him, which made courſe meat dainties to his palate. At laſt the Park-keeper took heart, and ſolemnely invited the King to his houſe, who came with all his Court, ſo that all the mans meat was not a morſell for them: *Well* (ſaid the Park-keeper) *I will invite no more Kings*; having learnt the difference between Princes when they pleaſe to put on the viſard of privacie, and when they will appear like themſelves, both in their Perſon and Attendants.

6 *Thoſe are ripe for charitie which are withered by age or impotencie.* Eſpecially if maimed in following their calling; for ſuch are Induſtries Martyrs, at leaſt her Confeſſours. Adde to theſe thoſe that with diligence fight againſt poverty, though neither conquer till death make it a drawn battel. Expect not, but prevent their craving of thee; for God forbid the heavens ſhould never rain till the earth firſt opens her mouth, ſeing ſome grounds will ſooner burn then chap.

7 *The Houſe of correction is the fitteſt Hoſpital for thoſe Cripples, whoſe legs are lame through their own lazineſſe.* Surely King Edward the ſixth was as truly charitable in granting Bridewell

Bridewell for the punishment of sturdy Rogues, as in giving S. Thomas Hospitall for the relief of the Poore. I have done with the subject, onely I desire rich men to awaken Hospitality, which * one saith since the yeare 1572 hath in a manner been laid asleep in the grave of Edward Earl of Darby.

* *Cambd. Elis. Anno* 1573.

Chap. 2.

Of Jesting.

HArmlesse mirth is the best cordiall against the consumption of the spirits: wherefore Jesting is not unlawfull if it trespasseth not in Quantity, Quality, or Season.

Maxime 1.

It is good to make a Jest, but not to make a trade of Jesting. The Earl of Leicester, knowing that Queen Elizabeth was much delighted to see a Gentleman dance well, brought the Master of a dancing-school to dance before her: *Pish* (said the Queen) *it is his profession, I will not see him.* She liked it not where it was a Master-quality, but where it attended on other perfections. The same may we say of Jesting.

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Jest not with the two-edged * *sword of Gods Word.* Will nothing please thee to wash thy hands in, but the Font? or to drink healths in, but the Church Chalice? And know the whole art is learnt at the first admission, and profane Jests will come without calling. If in the troublesome dayes of King Edward the fourth a Citizen in Cheap-side was executed as a traitour, for saying he would make his sonne heir to the * Crown, though he onely meant his own house, having a Crown for the signe; more dangerous it is to wit-wanton it with the Majestie of God. Wherefore if without thine intention, and against thy will, by chancemedly thou hittest Scripture in ordinary discourse, yet fly to the city of refuge, and pray to God to forgive thee.

* Μάχαιραν δίστομον, *Heb.* 4.11.

* *Speed in Edward the* 4.

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Wanton Jests make fools laugh, and wise men frown.

Seeing we are civilized Engliſh men, let us not be naked Salvages in our talk. Such rotten ſpeeches are worſt in withered age, when men runne after that ſinne in their words which flieth from them in the deed.

4 *Let not thy Feſts like mummie be made of dead mens fleſh.* Abuſe not any that are departed; for to wrong their memories is to robbe their ghoſts of their winding-ſheets.

5 *Scoff not at the naturall defects of any which are not in their power to amend.* Oh 'tis crueltie to beat a cripple with his own crutches. Neither flout any for his profeſsion if honeſt though poore and painfull. Mock not a Cobler for his black thumbes.

6 *He that relates another mans wicked Feſt with delight, adopts it to be his own.* Purge them therefore from their poyſon. If the prophaneneſſe may be ſever'd from the wit, it is like a Lamprey, take out the ſtring in the back, it may make good meat: But if the ſtaple conceit conſiſts in prophaneneſſe, then it is a viper, all poyſon, and meddle not with it.

7 *He that will loſe his friend for a Feſt deſerves to die a beggar by the bargain.* Yet ſome think their conceits, like muſtard, not good except they bite. We reade that all thoſe who were born in England the yeare after the beginning of the great mortality *1349. wanted their foure Cheek-teeth. Such let thy Jeſts be, that they may not grind the credit of thy friend, and make not Jeſts ſo long till thou becomeſt one.

* *Tho. Walſingam in eodem anno.*

8 *No time to break Feſts when the heart-ſtrings are about to be broken.* No more ſhewing of wit when the head is to be cut off. Like that dying man, who, when the Prieſt coming to him to give him extreme unction, asked of him where his feet were, anſwered, *at the end of my legs.* But at ſuch a time Jeſts are an unmannerly *aneptus ingenii:* And let thoſe take heed who end here with Democritus, that they begin not with Heraclitus hereafter.

CHAP. 3.

Chap. 3.

Of Self-prayſing.

HE *whoſe own worth doth ſpeak need not ſpeak his own worth.* Such boaſting ſounds proceed from emptineſſe of deſert: whereas the Conquerours in the Olympian games did not put on the Laurells on their own heads, but waited till ſome other did it. Onely Anchorets that want company may crown themſelves with their own commendations. *Maxime* 1

It ſheweth more wit but no leſſe vanity to commend ones ſelf not in a ſtrait line but by reflection. Some ſail to the port of their own praiſe by a ſide-wind: as when they diſpraiſe themſelves, ſtripping themſelves naked of what is their due, that the modeſty of the beholders may cloth them with it again; or when they flatter another to his face, toſſing the ball to him that he may throw it back again to them; or when they commend that quality, wherein themſelves excell, in another man (though abſent) whom all know farre their inferiour in that faculty; or laſtly (to omit other ambuſhes men ſet to ſurpriſe praiſe) when they ſend the children of their own brain to be nurſed by another man, and commend their own works in a third perſon, but if chalenged by the company that they were Authours of them themſelves, with their tongues they faintly deny it, and with their faces ſtrongly affirm it. 2

Self-praiſing comes moſt naturally from a man when it comes moſt violently from him in his own defence. For though modeſty binds a mans tongue to the peace in this point, yet being aſſaulted in his credit he may ſtand upon his guard, and then he doth not ſo much praiſe as purge himſelf. One braved a Gentleman to his face that in skill and valour he came farre behind him; *'Tis true* (ſaid the other) *for when I fought with you, you* 3

ran away before me. In ſuch a caſe, it was well return'd, and without any juſt aſperſion of pride.

4 *He that falls into ſin is a man; that grieves at it, is a ſaint; that boaſteth of it, is a devil.* Yet ſome glory in their ſhame, counting the ſtains of ſin the beſt complexion for their ſouls. Theſe men make me believe it may be true what Mandevil writes of the Isle of Somabarre, in the Eaſt Indies, that all the Nobility thereof brand their faces with a hot iron in token of honour.

5 *He that boaſts of ſinnes never committed is a double devil.* Many brag how many gardens of virginity they have defloured, who never came near the walls thereof, lying on thoſe with whom they did never lie, and with ſlanderous tongues committing rapes on chaſte womens reputations. Others (who would ſooner creep into a ſcabbard then draw a ſword) boaſt of their robberies, to uſurp the eſteem of valour: Whereas firſt let them be well whipt for their lying, and as they like that, let them come afterward and entitle themſelves to the gallows.

Chap. 4.
Of Travelling.

IT is a good accompliſhment to a man, if firſt the ſtock be well grown whereon Travell is graffed, and theſe rules obſerved Before, In, and After his going abroad.

Maxime 1. *Travell not too early before thy judgement be riſen*; leſt thou obſerveſt rather ſhews then ſubſtance, marking alone Pageants, Pictures, beautifull Buildings, &c.

2 *Get the Language (in part) without which key thou ſhalt unlock little of moment.* It is a great advantage to be ones own interpreter. Object not that the French tongue learnt in England muſt be unlearnt again in France; for it is eaſier to adde then begin, and to pronounce then to ſpeak.

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3 *Be well ſettled in thine own Religion, leſt, travelling out of England into Spain, thou goeſt out of Gods bleſſing into the warm Sunne.* They that go over maids for their Religion, will be raviſh'd at the ſight of the firſt Popiſh Church they enter into. But if firſt thou be well grounded, their fooleries ſhall rivet thy faith the faſter, and Travell ſhall give thee Confirmation in that Baptiſme thou didſt receive at home.

4 *Know moſt of the rooms of thy native countrey before thou goeſt over the threſhold thereof.* Eſpecially ſeeing England preſents thee with ſo many obſervables. But late Writers lack nothing but age, and home-wonders but diſtance to make them admired. 'Tis a tale what * Joſephus writes of the two pillars ſet up by the ſonnes of Seth in Syria, the one of brick, fire-proof; the other of ſtone, water-free, thereon engraving many heavenly matters to perpetuate learning in defiance of time. But it is truly moralized in our Univerſities, Cambridge (of Brick) and Oxford (of Stone) wherein Learning and Religion are preſerved, and where the worſt Colledge is more ſight-worthy then the beſt Dutch Gymnaſium. Firſt view theſe, and the reſt home-rarities; not like thoſe Engliſh, that can give a better account of Fountain-bleau then Hampton-Court, of the Spaw then Bath, of Anas in Spain then Mole in Surrey.

* *Antiqu. Jud. Lib. 1. cap. 3.*

5 *Travell not beyond the Alps.* M^r. * Aſcham did thank God that he was but nine dayes in Italie, wherein he ſaw in one citie (Venice) more liberty to ſinne, then in London he ever heard of in nine years. That ſome of our Gentry have gone thither, and returned thence without infection, I more praiſe Gods providence then their adventure.

* *In his preface to his Schoolmaſter.*

6 *To travell from the ſunne is uncomfortable.* Yet the northern parts with much ice have ſome cryſtall, and want not their remarkables.

7 *If thou wilt ſee much in a little, travell the Low countreys.* Holland is all Europe in an Amſterdam-print, for

for Minerva, Mars, and Mercurie, Learning, Warre, and Traffick.

8 *Be wise in chooſing Objects, diligent in marking, carefull in remembring of them*: yet herein men much follow their own humours. One askt a Barber, who never before had been at the Court, what he saw there? *Oh* (said he) *the King was excellently well trimm'd!* Thus Merchants most mark forrein Havens, Exchanges, and Marts; Souldiers note Forts, Armories, and Magazines; Scholars listen after Libraries, Disputations, and Professours; Statesmen observe Courts of justice, Counsells, &c. Every one is partiall in his own profession.

9 *Labour to distill and unite into thy self the scatterd perfections of severall Nations.* But (as it was said of one, who with more industry then judgement frequented a Colledge-Library, and commonly made use of the worst notes he met with in any Authours, *that he weeded the Library*) many weed forrein Countries, bringing home Dutch Drunkennes, Spanish Pride, French Wantonnesse and Italian Atheisme. As for the good herbs, Dutch Industry, Spanish Loyalty, French Courtesie, and Italian Frugality, these they leave behind them. Others bring home just nothing; and because they singled not themselves from their Countreymen, though some years beyond Sea, were never out of England.

10 *Continue correspondency with some choyce forrein friend after thy return.* As some Professour or Secretary, who virtually is the whole University, or State. 'Tis but a dull Dutch fashion, their *Albus Amicorum*, to make a dictionary of their friends names: But a selected familiar in every Countrey is usefull, betwixt you there may be a Letter-exchange. Be sure to return as good wares as thou receivest, and acquaint him with the remarkables of thy own Countrey, and he will willingly continue the trade, finding it equally gainfull.

Let diſcourſe rather be eaſily drawn, then willingly flow from thee. That thou mayeſt not ſeem weak to hold, or deſirous to vent news, but content to gratifie thy friends. Be ſparing in reporting improbable truths, eſpecially to the vulgar, who inſteed of informing their judgements will ſuſpect thy credit. Diſdain their peviſh pride who rail on their native land (whoſe worſt fault is that it bred ſuch ungratefull fools) and in all their diſcourſes preferre forrein countreys, herein ſhewing themſelves of kinne to the wild Iriſh in loving their Nurſes better then their Mothers. 11

Chap. 5.

Of Company.

Companie is one of the greateſt pleaſures of the nature of man. For the beams of joy are made hotter by reflection, when related to another; and otherwiſe gladneſſe it ſelf muſt grieve for want of one to expreſſe itſelf to. *Maxime* 1.

It is unnaturall for a man to court and hug ſolitarineſſe. It is obſerved, that the fartheſt Ilands in the world are ſo ſeated that there is none ſo remote but that from ſome ſhore of it another Iland or Continent may be diſcerned: As if hereby Nature invited countreys to a mutuall commerce one with another. Why then ſhould any man affect to environ himſelf with ſo deep and great reſervedneſſe, as not to communicate with the ſocietie of others? And though we pity thoſe who made ſolitarineſſe their refuge in time of perſecution, we muſt condemne ſuch as chuſe it in the Churches proſperity. For well may we count him not well in his wits, who will live alwayes under a buſh, becauſe others in a ſtorm ſhelter themſelves under it. 2

Yet a deſert is better then a debauch'd companion. For the wildneſſe of the place is but uncheerfull, whileſt the 3

wildneſſe of bad perſons is alſo infectious. Better therefore ride alone then have a thiefs company. And ſuch is a wicked man, who will rob thee of pretious time, if he doth no more miſchief. The Nazarites who might drink no wine were alſo forbidden (Numb. 6. 3.) to eat grapes, whereof wine is made. We muſt not onely avoid ſinne it ſelf, but alſo the cauſes and occaſions thereof: amongſt which bad company (the limetwigs of the devil) is the chiefeſt, eſpecially, to catch thoſe natures which like the good-fellow planet Mercury are moſt ſwayed by others.

4 *If thou beeſt caſt into bad company, like Hercules, thou muſt ſleep with thy club in thine hand, and ſtand on thy guard.* I mean if againſt thy will the tempeſt of an unexpected occaſion drives thee amongſt ſuch rocks ; then be thou like the river * Dee in Merionethſhire in Wales, which running through Pimble meere remains entire, and mingles not her ſtreames with the waters of the lake. Though with them, be not of them ; keep civil communion with them, but ſeparate from their ſinnes. And if againſt thy will thou fall'ſt amongſt wicked men, know to thy comfort thou art ſtill in thy calling, and therefore in Gods keeping, who on thy prayers will preſerve thee.

* *Cambd. Brit. in Merioneth.*

5 *The company he keeps is the comment, by help whereof men expound the moſt cloſe and myſticall man*; underſtanding him for one of the ſame religion, life, and manners with his aſſociates. And though perchance he be not ſuch an one, 'tis juſt he ſhould be counted ſo for converſing with them. Auguſtus Ceſar came thus to diſcern his two daughters inclinations : for being once at a publick Shew, where much people was preſent, he * obſerved that the grave Senatours talked with Livia, but looſe Youngſters and riotous perſons with Julia.

* *Sueton. in Auguſt. Cæſ.*

9 *He that eats cherries with Noblemen ſhall have his eyes ſpirted out with the ſtones.* This outlandiſh Proverb hath in it an Engliſh truth, that they who conſtantly converſe

verſe with men farre above their eſtates ſhall reap ſhame and loſſe thereby: If thou payeſt nothing, they will count thee a ſucker, no branch; a wen, no member of their companie: If in payments thou keepeſt pace with them, their long ſtrides will ſoon tire thy ſhort legs. The Bevers in New England, when ſome ten of them together draw a ſtick to the building of their lodging, ſet the * weakeſt Bevers to the lighter end of the log, and the ſtrongeſt take the heavieſt part thereof: whereas men often lay the greateſt burthen on the weakeſt back; and great perſons, to teach meaner men to learn their diſtance, take pleaſure to make them pay for their companie. I except ſuch men, who having ſome excellent qualitie are gratis very welcome to their betters; ſuch a one, though he payes not a penny of the ſhot, ſpends enough in lending them his time and diſcourſe.

* *Wood in his deſcription of New England.*

7 *To affect alwayes to be the beſt of the companie argues a baſe diſpoſition.* Gold alwayes worn in the ſame purſe with ſilver loſes both of the colour and weight; and ſo to converſe alwayes with inferiours degrades a man of his worth. Such there are that love to be the Lords of the companie, whileſt the reſt muſt be their Tenants: as if bound by their leaſe to approve, praiſe, and admire, whatſoever they ſay. Theſe knowing the lowneſſe of their parts love to live with dwarfs, that they may ſeem proper men. To come amongſt their equalls, they count it an abbridgement of their freedome, but to be with their betters, they deem it flat ſlavery.

8 *It is excellent for one to have a Library of Scholars, eſpecially if they be plain to be read.* I mean of a communicative nature, whoſe diſcourſes are as full as fluent, and their judgements as right as their tongues ready: ſuch mens talk ſhall be thy Lectures. To conclude, Good Company is not onely profitable whileſt a man lives, but ſometimes when he is dead. For he that was buried

* 2. *Kings.* 13. 21. with the bones of * Eliſha, by a Poſthumous miracle of that Prophet, recovered his life by lodging with ſuch a grave-fellow.

Chap. 6.

Of Apparell.

Clothes are for Neceſsity; warm cloths for Health; cleanly for Decency; laſting for Thrift; and rich for Magnificence. Now there may be a fault in their Number, if too various; Making, if too vain; Matter, if too coſtly; and Mind of the wearer, if he takes pride therein. We come therefore to ſome generall directions.

Maxime 1 *It's a chargeable vanity to be conſtantly clothed above ones purſe, or place.* I ſay Conſtantly; for perchance ſometimes it may be diſpenſed with. A Great man, who himſelf was very plain in apparell, checkt a Gentleman for being over fine: who modeſtly anſwered, *Your Lordſhip hath better clothes at home, and I have worſe.* But ſure no plea can be made when this Luxury is grown to be ordinary. It was an arrogant act of * Hubert Archbiſhop of Canterbury, who, when King John had given his Courtiers rich Liveries, to Ape the Lion, gave his ſervants the like, wherewith the King was not a little offended. But what ſhall we ſay to the riot of our age, wherein (as Peacocks are more gay then the Eagle himſelf) ſubjects are grown braver then their Sovereigne?

* *Math. Paris in Joan. Anno.* 1201.

2 *'Tis beneath a wiſe man alwayes to wear clothes beneath men of his rank.* True, there is a ſtate ſometimes in decent plainneſſe. When a wealthy Lord at a great Solemnity had the plaineſt apparell, *O* (ſaid one) *if you had markt it well his ſute had the richeſt pockets.* Yet it argues no wiſdome, in clothes alwayes to ſtoop beneath his condition. When Antiſthenes ſaw Socrates in a torn coat, he ſhewed a hole thereof to the people; *And loe* (quoth

(quoth he) *through this I ſee Socrates his pride.*

He ſhews a light gravity who loves to be an exception from a generall faſhion. For the received cuſtome in the place where we live is the moſt competent judge of decency; from which we muſt not appeal to our own opinion. When the French Courtiers mourning for their King * Henrie the ſecond had worn cloth a whole yeare, all ſilks became ſo vile in every mans eyes, that if any was ſeen to wear them, he was preſently accounted a Mechanick or Countrey-fellow. 3

* *Mont. 1. book, chap. 4.*

It's a folly for one Proteus-like never to appear twice in one ſhape. Had ſome of our Gallants been with the * Iſraelites in the wilderneſſe, when for fourty years their clothes waxed not old, they would have been vexed, though their clothes were whole, to have been ſo long in one faſhion. Yet here I muſt confeſſe, I underſtand not what is reported of Fulgentius, that he uſed the ſame garment Winter and Summer, and never alter'd his * clothes, *etiam in Sacris peragendis.* 4

* *Deuterono. 29. 5.*

* *Vincentius. Spec. lib. 20. cap. 105.*

He that is proud of the ruſſling of his ſilks, like a mad man, laughs at the ratling of his fetters. For indeed, Clothes ought to be our remembrancers of our loſt innocency. Beſides, why ſhould any brag of what's but borrowed? Should the Eſtrige ſnatch off the Gallants feather, the Beaver his hat, the Goat his gloves, the Sheep his ſute, the Silk-worm his ſtockings, and Neat his ſhoes (to ſtrip him no farther then modeſty will give leave) he would be left in a cold condition. And yet 'tis more pardonable to be proud, even of cleanly rags, then (as many are) of affected ſlovenneſſe. The one is proud of a molehill, the other of a dunghill. 5

To conclude, Sumptuary laws in this land to reduce apparell to a ſet ſtandard of price, and faſhion, according to the ſeverall ſtates of men, have long been wiſh'd, but are little to be hoped for. Some think private mens ſuperfluity is a neceſſary evill in a State,

the floting of fashions affording a standing maintenance to many thousands which otherwise would be at a losse for a livelihood, men maintaining more by their pride then by their charitie.

Chap. 7.

Of Building.

He that alters an old house is tied as a translatour to the originall, and is confin'd to the phancie of the first builder. Such a man were unwise to pluck down good old building, to erect (perchance) worse new. But those that raise a new house from the ground are blame-worthy if they make it not handsome, seeing to them Method and Confusion are both at a rate. In building we must respect Situation, Contrivance, Receipt, Strength, and Beauty. Of Situation.

Maxime 1. *Chiefly choose a wholesome aire.* For aire is a dish one feeds on every minute, and therefore it need be good. Wherefore great men (who may build where they please, as poore men where they can) if herein they preferre their profit above their health, I referre them to their Physicians to make them pay for it accordingly.

2 *Wood and water are two staple commodities where they may be had.* The former I confesse hath made so much iron, that it must now be bought with the more silver, and grows daily dearer. But 'tis as well pleasant as profitable to see a house cased with trees, like that of Anchises in Troy.

* *Virgil* 2. *Æneid.* 32. ---------* *quanquam secreta parentis*
Anchisæ domus arboribusq; obtecta recessit.

The worst is, where a place is bald of wood, no art can make it a periwig. As for water, begin with Pindars beginning, ἄριστον μὲν ὕδωρ. The fort of * Gogmagog Hills nigh Cambridge is counted impregnable but for want of water, the mischief of many

* *Camb. Brit. in Cambridgeshire.*

ny houſes where ſervants muſt bring the well on their ſhoulders.

Next a pleaſant proſpect is to be reſpected. A medly view (ſuch as of water and land at Greenwich) beſt entertains the eyes, refreſhing the wearied beholder with exchange of objects. Yet I know a more profitable proſpect, where the owner can onely ſee his own land round about. 3

A fair entrance with an eaſie aſcent gives a great grace to a building: where the Hall is a preferment out of the Court, the Parlour out of the Hall, not (as in ſome old buildings) where the doores are ſo low Pygmies muſt ſtoop, and the rooms ſo high that Giants may ſtand upright. But now we are come to Contrivance. 4

Let not thy common rooms be ſeverall, nor thy ſeverall rooms be common. The Hall (which is a Pandocheum) ought to lie open, and ſo ought Paſſages and Stairs (provided that the whole houſe be not ſpent in paths) Chambers and Cloſets are to be private and retired. 5

Light (Gods eldeſt daughter) is a principall beauty in a building: yet it ſhines not alike from all parts of Heaven. An Eaſt-window welcomes the infant beams of the Sun, before they are of ſtrength to do any harm, and is offenſive to none but a ſluggard. A South-window in ſummer is a chimny with a fire in't, and needs the ſchreen of a curtain. In a Weſt-window in ſummer time towards night, the Sun grows low and over familiar with more light then delight. A North-window is beſt for Butteries and Cellars, where the beere will be ſower for the Suns ſmiling on it. Thorow-lights are beſt for rooms of entertainment, and windows on one ſide for dormitories. As for Receipt, 6

A houſe had better be too little for a day then too great for a yeare. And it's eaſier borrowing of thy neighbour a brace of chambers for a night, then a bag of money for a twelvemonth. It is vain therefore to proportion the receipt to an extraordinary occaſion, as thoſe who by 7

by overbuilding their houſes have dilapidated their lands, and their ſtates have been preſſ'd to death under the weight of their houſe. As for Strength,

8 *Countrey-houſes muſt be Subſtantives, able to ſtand of themſeves.* Not like City-buildings ſupported by their neighbours on either ſide. By Strength we mean ſuch as may reſiſt Weather and Time, not Invaſion, Caſtles being out of date in this peaceable age. As for the making of motes round about, it is queſtionable whether the fogs be not more unhealthfull, then the fiſh brings profit, or the water defence. Beauty remains behind as the laſt to be regarded, becauſe houſes are made to be lived in not lookt on.

9 *Let not the Front look aſquint on a ſtranger, but accoſt him right at his entrance.* Uniformity alſo much pleaſeth the eye; and 'tis obſerved that free-ſtone, like a fair complexion, ſooneſt waxeth old, whileſt brick keeps her beauty longeſt.

10 *Let the office-houſes obſerve the due diſtance from the manſion-houſe.* Thoſe are too familiar which preſume to be of the ſame pile with it. The ſame may be ſaid of ſtables and barns; without which a houſe is like a city without outworks, it can never hold out long.

11 *Gardens alſo are to attend in their place.* When God (Geneſis 2. 9) planted a garden Eaſtward, he made to grow out of the ground every tree pleaſant to the ſight, and good for food. Sure he knew better what was proper to a garden then thoſe, who nowadayes therein only feed the eyes, and ſtarve both taſt and ſmell.

To conclude, in Building rather believe any man then an Artificer in his own art for matter of charges, not that they cannot but will not be faithfull. Should they tell thee all the coſt at the firſt, it would blaſt a young Builder in the budding, and therefore they ſooth thee up till it hath coſt thee ſomething to confute them. The ſpirit of Building firſt poſſeſſed people after the floud,

floud, which then caused the confusion of languages, and since of the estate of many a man.

Chap. 8.

Of Anger.

Anger is one of the sinews of the soul; he that wants it hath a maimed mind, and with Jacob sinew-shrunk in the hollow of his thigh must needs halt. Nor is it good to converse with such as cannot be angry, and with the Caspian sea never ebbe nor flow. This Anger is either Heavenly, when one is offended for God: or Hellish, when offended with God and Goodnes: or Earthly, in temporall matters. Which Earthly Anger (whereof we treat) may also be Hellish, if for no cause, no great cause, too hot, or too long.

Be not angry with any without a cause. If thou beest, thou must not onely, as the Proverb saith, be appeas'd without amends (having neither cost nor damage given thee) but, as our Saviour * saith, be in danger of the judgement. *Maxime* 1. *Matth 5.22.

Be not mortally angry with any for a veniall fault. He will make a strange combustion in the state of his soul, who at the landing of every cockboat sets the beacons on fire. To be angry for every toy debases the worth of thy anger; for he who will be angry for any thing, will be angry for nothing. 2

Let not thy anger be so hot, but that the most torrid zone thereof may be habitable. Fright not people from thy presence with the terrour of thy intolerable impatience. Some men like a tiled house are long before they take fire, but once on flame there is no coming near to quench them. 3

Take heed of doing irrevocable acts in thy passion. As the revealing of secrets, which makes thee a bankrupt for society ever after: neither do such things which done once are done for ever, so that no bemoaning can 4

amend them. Sampſons hair grew again, but not his eyes: Time may reſtore ſome loſſes, others are never to be repaird. Wherefore in thy rage make no Perſian decree which cannot be reverſ'd or repeald; but rather Polonian laws which (they ſay) laſt but three dayes: Do not in an inſtant what an age cannot recompence.

5 * Exod. 16. 24. * Epheſ. 4. 26. *Anger kept till the next morning, with* * *Manna, doth putrifie and corrupt.* Save that Manna corrupted not at all, and anger moſt of all, kept the next Sabbath. S. Paul * ſaith, *Let not the Sunne go down on your wrath*; to carry news to the Antipodes in another world of thy revengefull nature. Yet let us take the Apoſtles meaning, rather then his words, with all poſsible ſpeed to depoſe our paſsion, not underſtanding him ſo literally that we may take leave to be angry till Sunſet: then might our wrath lengthen with the dayes; and men in Greenland, where day laſts above a quarter of a yeare, have plentifull ſcope of revenge. And as the Engliſh (by command from William the Conquerer) alwayes raked up their fire, and put out their candles, when the * Curfew-bell was rung; let us then alſo quench all ſparks of anger and heat of paſsion.

* *Cowels Interpreter out of Stows Annals.*

6 * Epheſ. 4. 27. *He that keeps anger long in his boſome giveth place to the* * *devil.* And why ſhould we make room for him, who will crowd in too faſt of himſelf? Heat of paſsion makes our ſouls to chappe, and the devil creeps in at the cranies; yea a furious man in his fits may ſeem poſſeſſ'd with a devil, fomes, fumes, tears himſelf, is deaf, and dumbe in effect, to heare or ſpeak reaſon: ſometimes wallows, ſtares, ſtamps, with fiery eyes and flaming cheeks. Had Narciſſus himſelf ſeen his own face when he had been angry, he could never have fallen in love with himſelf.

Chap. 9.

Of Expecting Preferment.

THere are as many ſeverall tenures of Expectation as of Poſſeſsion, ſome nearer, ſome more remote, ſome grounded on ſtrong, others on weaker reaſons. (As for a groundleſſe Expectation, it is a wilfull ſelf-deluſion.) We come to inſtructions how men ſhould manage their hopes herein.

Hope not for impoſsibilities. For though the object of hope be *Futurum poſsibile*, yet ſome are ſo mad as to feed their Expectation on things, though not in themſelves, yet to them impoſsible, if we conſider the weakneſſe of the means whereby they ſeek to attain them. He needs to ſtand on tiptoes that hopes to touch the moon; and thoſe who expect what in reaſon they cannot expect, may expect. *Maxime* 1.

Carefully ſurvey what proportion the means thou haſt bear to the end thou expectest. Count not a Courtiers promiſe of courſe a ſpecialty that he is bound to preferre thee: Seeing Complements oftentimes die in the ſpeaking, why ſhould thy hopes (grounded on them) live longer then the hearing? perchance the text of his promiſe intended but common courteſies, which thy apprehenſion expounds ſpeedy and ſpeciall favours. Others make up the weakneſſe of their means with conceit of the ſtrength of their deſerts, fooliſhly thinking that their own merits will be the undoubted Patrons to preſent them to all void Benefices. 2

The heir apparent to the next preferment may be diſinherited by an unexpected accident. A Gentleman, ſervant to the Lord Admirall Howard, was ſuiter to a Lady above his deſerts, grounding the confidence of his ſucceſſe on his relation to ſo honourable a Lord; which Lord gave the Anchor as badge of his office, and therefore this ſuiter wrote in a window, 3

If I be bold,
The anchor is my hold.

But his corrivall to the ſame Miſtris coming into the ſame room wrote under,

Yet fear the worſt:
What if the Cable burſt?

Thus uſeleſſe is the Anchor of hope (good for nothing but to deceive thoſe that relie on it) if the cable or ſmall cords of means and cauſes whereon it depends fail and miſcarry. Daily experience tenders too many examples. A Gentleman who gave a Baſilisk for his Arms or Creſt promiſed to make a young kinſman of his his heir, which kinſman to ingratiate himſelf painted a Baſilisk in his ſtudy, and beneath it theſe verſes,

Falleris aſpectu Baſiliſcum occidere, Plini,
Nam vitæ noſtræ ſpem Baſiliſcus alit.
The Baſilisk's the onely ſtay,
My life preſerving ſtill;
Pliny, thou li'dſt when thou didſt ſay
The Baſilisk doth kill.

But this rich Gentleman dying fruſtrated his expectation, and bequeathed all his eſtate to another, whereupon the Epigram was thus altered,

Certe aluit, ſed ſpe vana, ſpes vana venenum:
Ignoſcas, Plini, verus es Hiſtoricus.
Indeed vain hopes to me he gave,
Whence I my poiſon drew:
Pliny, thy pardon now I crave,
Thy writings are too true.

4 *Proportion thy expences to what thou haſt in poſſeſsion, not to thy expectancies.* Otherwiſe he that feeds on wind muſt needs be griped with the Collick at laſt. And if the Ceremoniall law forbad the Jews to ſeeth a kid in the mothers milk, the law of good husbandry forbids us to eat a kid in the mothers belly, ſpending our pregnant hopes before they be delivered.

Imbrue

5 *Imbrue not thy soul in bloudy wishes of his death who parts thee and thy preferment.* A murther the more common, because one cannot be arraigned for it on earth. But those are charitable murtherers which wish them in heaven, not so much that they may have ease at their journeys end, but because they must needs take death in the way.

6 *In earthly matters expectation takes up more joy on trust, then the fruition of the thing is able to discharge.* The Lion is not so fierce as painted; nor are matters so fair as the pencill of the expectant limmes them out in his hopes. They forecount their wives fair, fruitfull, and rich, without any fault; their children witty, beautifull, and dutifull, without any frowardnesse: and as S. Basil held that roses in paradise before mans fall grew without prickles, they abstract the pleasures of things from the troubles annexed to them, which when they come to enjoy, they must take both together. Surely a good unlook'd for is a virgin happinesse; whereas those who obtain what long they have gazed on in expectation, onely marry what themselves have defloured before.

7 *When our hopes break let our patience hold*: relying on Gods providence without murmuring, who often provides for men above what we can think or desire. When Robert * Holgate could not peaceably enjoy his small living in Lincolneshire, because of the litigiousnesse of a neighbouring Knight, coming to London to right himself he came into the favour of King Henrie the eighth, and got by degrees the Archbishoprick of York. Thus God sometimes defeats our hopes, or disturbs our possession of lesser favours, thereby to bestow on his servants better blessings, if not here, hereafter.

* *Godwin in his Catal. of Archbishops of York.*

Chap. 10.

Of Memory.

IT is the treasure-house of the mind, wherein the monuments thereof are kept and preserved. Plato makes it the mother of the Muses. * Aristotle sets it one degree further, making Experience the mother of Arts, Memory the parent of Experience. Philosophers place it in the rere of the head; and it seems the mine of Memory lies there, because there naturally men dig for it, scratching it when they are at a losse. This again is twofold: one, the simple retention of things; the other, a regaining them when forgotten.

* *Metaphys. lib. 1 cap. 1.*

Maxime 1 *Brute creatures equall, if not exceed, men in a bare retentive Memory.* Through how many labyrinths of woods, without other clue of threed then naturall instinct, doth the hunted hare return to her muce? How doth the little bee, flying into severall meadows and gardens, sipping of many cups, yet never intoxicated, through an ocean (as I may say) of air, steddily steer her self home, without help of card or compasse. But these cannot play an aftergame, and recover what they have forgotten, which is done by the mediation of discourse.

2 *Artificiall memory is rather a trick then an art, and more for the gain of the teacher then profit of the learners.* Like the tossing of a pike, which is no part of the postures and motions thereof, and is rather for ostentation then use, to shew the strength and nimblenesse of the arm, and is often used by wandring Souldiers as an introduction to beg. Understand it of the artificiall rules which at this day are delivered by Memory-mountebanks; for sure an art thereof may be made (wherein as yet the world is defective) and that no more destructive to naturall Memory then spectacles are to eyes, which girls in Holland wear from 12 years of age. But till this

this be found out, let us obſerve theſe plain rules.

3 *Firſt ſoundly infix in thy mind what thou deſireſt to remember.* What wonder is it if agitation of buſineſſe jog that out of thy head, which was there rather tack'd then faſtned? whereas thoſe notions which get in by *violenta poſſeſſio* will abide there till *ejectio firma*, ſickneſſe or extreme age, diſpoſſeſſe them. It is beſt knocking in the nail overnight, and clinching it the next morning.

4 *Overburthen not thy Memory to make ſo faithfull a ſervant a ſlave.* Remember Atlas was weary. Have as much reaſon as a Camell, to riſe when thou haſt thy full load. Memory, like a purſe, if it be over full that it cannot ſhut, all will drop out of it: Take heed of a gluttonous curioſitie to feed on many things, leſt the greedineſſe of the appetite of thy Memory ſpoyl the digeſtion thereof. Beza's caſe was peculiar and memorable; being above foureſcore years of age he perfectly could ſay by heart any Greek Chapter in * S. Pauls Epiſtles, or any thing elſe which he had learnt long before, but forgot whatſoever was newly told him; his Memory like an inne retaining old gueſts, but having no room to entertain new.

* *Thuan. obit. doct. virorum. pag.* 384.

5 *Spoyl not thy Memory with thine own jealouſie, nor make it bad by ſuſpecting it.* How canſt thou find that true which thou wilt not truſt? S. Auguſtine tells us of his friend Simplicius, who being ask'd, could tell all Virgills verſes backward and forward, and yet the ſame party, * vowed to God, that he knew not that he could do it till they did try him. Sure there is conceal'd ſtrength in mens Memories, which they take no notice of.

* *Teſtatus eſt Deum, neſciſſe ſe hoc poſſe ante illud experimentum,* Auguſt. Tom. 7. lib. de anima & ejus orig. cap. 7.

6 *Marſhall thy notions into a handſome method.* One will carrie twice more weight truſt and pack'd up in bundles, then when it lies untowardly flapping and hanging about his ſhoulders. Things orderly fardled up under heads are moſt portable.

7 *Adventure not all thy learning in one bottom, but divide it betwixt*

betwixt thy Memory and thy Note-books. He that with Bias carries all his learning about him in his head will utterly be beggerd and bankrupt, if a violent diſeaſe, a mercileſſe thief, ſhould rob and ſtrip him. I know ſome have a Common-place againſt Common-place-books, and yet perchance will privately make uſe of what publickly they declaim againſt. A Common-place-book contains many Notions in gariſon, whence the owner may draw out an army into the field on competent warning.

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Moderate diet and good aire preſerve Memory; but what aire is beſt I dare not define, when ſuch great ones differ. * Some ſay a pure and ſubtle aire is beſt, another commends a thick and foggy aire. For the * Piſans ſited in the fennes and mariſh of Arnus have excellent memories, as if the foggy aire were a cap for their heads.

*Plato, Ariſtotle, Tully.

*Singulari valent memoriâ quo urbs craſsiore fruatur aere, *Mercat. Atlas in Tuſsia.*

9

Thankfulneſſe to God for it continues the Memory: whereas ſome proud people have been viſited with ſuch oblivion, that they have forgotten their own nàmes. Staupitius Tutour to Luther, and a godly man, in a vain oſtentation of his memory repeated Chriſts Genealogie (Matth. 1.) by heart in his Sermon, but being out about the Captivity of Babylon, *I ſee* (ſaith* he) *God reſiſteth the proud*, and ſo betook himſelf to his book. Abuſe not thy Memory to be Sinnes Regiſter, nor make advantage thereof for wickedneſſe. Excellently * Auguſtine, *Quidam vero peſſimi memoria ſunt mirabili, qui tanto pejores ſunt, quanto minus poſſunt, quæ male cogitant, obliviſci.*

* *Melchior Adamus in vita Staupitii, pag.* 20.

* *De civ. Dei lib.* 7. *cap.* 3.

Chap. 11.
Of Phancie.

IT is an inward Senſe of the ſoul, for a while retaining and examining things brought in thither by the Common ſenſe. It is the moſt boundles and reſtleſſe faculty of the ſoul: for whileſt the Underſtanding and the Will are kept as it were in *Libera Cuſtodia* to their objects of *Verum* & *Bonum*, the Phancie is free from all engagements: it digs without ſpade, ſails without ſhip, flies without wings, builds without charges, fights without bloudſhed, in a moment ſtriding from the centre to the circumference of the world, by a kind of omnipotencie creating and annihilating things in an inſtant; and things divorced in Nature are married in Phancie as in a lawleſſe place. It is alſo moſt reſtleſſe: whileſt the Senſes are bound, and Reaſon in a manner aſleep, Phancie like a ſentinell walks the round, ever working, never wearied. The chief diſeaſes of the Phancie are, either that they are too wild and high-ſoaring, or elſe too low and groveling, or elſe too deſultory and overvoluble. Of the firſt.

If thy Phancie be but a little too rank, age it ſelf will correct it. To lift too high is no fault in a young horſe, becauſe with travelling he will mend it for his own eaſe. Thus loſty Phancies in young men will come down of themſelves, and in proceſſe of time the overplus will ſhrink to be but even meaſure. But if this will not do it, then obſerve theſe rules. *Maxime* 1

Take part alwayes with thy Judgement againſt thy Phancie in any thing wherein they ſhall diſſent. If thou ſuſpecteſt thy conceits too luxuriant, herein account thy ſuſpicion a legall conviction, and damne whatſoever thou doubteſt of. Warily Tullie, *Bene monent, qui vetant quicquam facere, de quo dubitas, æquum ſit an iniquum.* 2

Take the adviſe of a faithfull friend, and ſubmit thy inventions 3

to his censure. When thou penneſt an oration, let him have the power of *Index expurgatorius*, to expunge what he pleaſeth; and do not thou like a fond mother crie if the child of thy brain be corrected for playing the wanton. Mark the arguments and reaſons of his alterations, why that phraſe leaſt proper, this paſſage more cautious and adviſed, and after a while thou ſhalt perform the place in thine own perſon, and not go out of thy ſelf for a cenſurer. If thy Phancie be too low and humble,

4 *Let thy judgement be King but not Tyrant over it, to condemne harmleſſe yea commendable conceits.* Some for fear their orations ſhould giggle will not let them ſmile. Give it alſo liberty to rove, for it will not be extravagant. There is no danger that weak folks if they walk abroad will ſtraggle farre, as wanting ſtrength.

5 *Acquaint thy ſelf with reading Poets, for there Phancie is in her throne*; and in time the ſparks of the Authours wit will catch hold on the Reader, and inflame him with love, liking, and deſire of imitation. I confeſſe there is more required to teach one to write then to ſee a coppy: however there is a ſecret force of faſcination in reading Poems to raiſe and provoke Phancie. If thy Phancie be over voluble, then

6 *Whip this vagrant home to the firſt object whereon it ſhould be ſettled.* Indeed nimbleneſſe is the perfection of this faculty, but levity the bane of it. Great is the difference betwixt a ſwift horſe, and a skittiſh, that will ſtand on no ground. Such is the ubiquitary Phancie, which will keep long reſidence on no one ſubject, but is ſo courteous to ſtrangers that it ever welcomes that conceit moſt which comes laſt; and new ſpecies ſupplant the old ones, before ſeriouſly conſidered. If this be the fault of thy Phancie, I ſay whip it home to the firſt object, whereon it ſhould be ſettled. This do as often as occaſion requires, and by degrees the fugitive ſervant will learn to abide by his work without running away.

Acquaint thy ſelf by degrees with hard and knotty ſtudies, as School-divinity, which will clog thy overnimble Phancie. True, at the firſt it will be as welcome to thee as a priſon, and their very ſolutions will ſeem knots unto thee. But take not too much at once, leſt thy brain turn edge. Taſte it firſt as a potion for Phyſick, and by degrees thou ſhalt drink it as beer for thirſt: Practice will make it pleaſant. Mathematicks are alſo good for this purpoſe: If beginning to try a Concluſion, thou muſt make an end, leſt thou loſeſt thy pains that are paſt, and muſt proceed ſeriouſly and exactly. I meddle not with thoſe Bedlam-phancies, all whoſe conceits are antiques, but leave them for the Phyſician to purge with hellebore. 7

To clothe low-creeping matter with high-flown language is not fine Phancie, but flat foolerie. It rather loads then raiſes a Wren, to faſten the feathers of an Eſtridge to her wings. Some mens ſpeeches are like the high mountains in Ireland, having a durty bog in the top of them; the very ridge of them in high words having nothing of worth, but what rather ſtalls then delights the Auditour. 8

Fine Phancies in manufactures invent engines rather pretty then uſefull; and commonly one trade is too narrow for them. They are better to project new wayes then to proſecute old, and are rather skilfull in many myſteries then thriving in one. They affect not voluminous inventions, wherein many years muſt conſtantly be ſpent to perfect them, except there be in them variety of pleaſant employment. 9

Imagination (the work of the Phancie) hath produc'd reall effects. Many ſerious and ſad examples hereof may be produced: I will onely inſiſt on a merry one. A Gentleman having led a company of children beyond their uſuall journey, they began to be weary, and joyntly cried to him to carry them; which becauſe of their multitude he could not do, but told them he would 10

provide them horſes to ride on. Then cutting little wands out of the hedge as nagges for them, and a great ſtake as a gelding for himſelf, thus mounted Phancie put mettall into their legs, and they came cheerfully home.

11 *Phancie runs moſt furiouſly when a guilty Conſcience drives it.* One that owed much money, and had many Creditours, as he walked London-ſtreets in the evening, a tenterhook catch'd his cloak. *At whoſe ſuit?* ſaid he, conceiving ſome Bailiff had arreſted him. Thus guilty Conſciences are afraid where no fear is, and count every creature they meet a Serjeant ſent from God to puniſh them.

Chap. 12.
Of Naturall Fools.

THey have the caſes of men, and little elſe of them beſides ſpeech and laughter. And indeed it may ſeem ſtrange that *Riſibile* being the propertie of man alone, they who have leaſt of man ſhould have moſt thereof, laughing without cauſe or meaſure.

Maxime 1 *Generally Nature hangs out a ſigne of ſimplicity in the face of a Fool*; and there is enough in his countenance for an Hue and Crie to take him on ſuſpicion: or elſe it is ſtamped on the figure of his body; their heads ſometimes ſo little, that there is no room for wit; ſometimes ſo long, that there is no wit for ſo much room.

2 *Yet ſome by their faces may paſſe currant enough till they cry themſelves down by their ſpeaking.* Thus men know the bell is crackt, when they heare it toll'd; yet ſome that have ſtood out the aſſault of two or three queſtions, and have anſwered pretty rationally, have afterwards of their own accord betrayed and yielded themſelves to be fools.

3 *The oathes and railing of Fools is oftentimes no fault of theirs but their teachers.* The Hebrew word *Barac* ſignifies to bleſſe,

bleſſe, and to curſe; and 'tis the ſpeakers pleaſure if he uſe it in the worſt acception. Fools of themſelves are equally capable to pray and to ſwear; they therefore have the greateſt ſinne who by their example or otherwiſe teach them ſo to do.

4 *One may get wiſdome by looking on a Fool.* In beholding him, think how much thou art beholden to him that ſuffered thee not to be like him: Onely Gods pleaſure put a difference betwixt you. And conſider that a Fool and a Wiſeman are alike both in the ſtarting-place, their birth, and at the poſt, their death; onely they differ in the race of their lives.

5 *It is unnaturall to laugh at a Naturall.* How can the object of thy pity be the ſubject of thy paſtime? I confeſſe ſometimes the ſtrangeneſſe, and, as I may ſay, witty ſimplicity of their actions may extort a ſmile from a ſerious man, who at the ſame time may ſmile at them and ſorrow for them. But it is one thing to laugh at them *in tranſitu*, a ſnap and away, and another to make a ſet meal in jeering them, and as the Philiſtines to ſend for Sampſon to make them ſport.

6 *To make a trade of laughing at a Fool is the highway to become one.* Tullie confeſſeth that whileſt he laughed at one * Hircus a very ridiculous man, *dum illum rideo pene factus ſum ille*: And one telleth us of Gallus Vibius, a man firſt of great eloquence, and afterwards of great madneſſe, which ſeized not on him ſo much by accident as his own affectation, ſo long * mimically imitating mad men that he became one.

* *Epiſt. lib. 2. Epiſt. 9.*

* Dum inſanos imitatur, quod aſſimulabat ad vivum redegit, *Rhodiginus Antiq. lib. 11. c. 13.*

7 *Many have been the wiſe ſpeeches of fools, though not ſo many as the fooliſh ſpeeches of wiſe men.* Now the wiſe ſpeeches of theſe ſilly ſouls proceed from one of theſe reaſons: Either becauſe talking much, and ſhooting often, they muſt needs hit the mark ſometimes, though not by aim, by hap: Or elſe becauſe a Fools *mediocriter* is *optime*; Senſe from his mouth, a Sentence; and a tole-

rable ſpeech cri'd up for an Apothegme: Or laſtly, becauſe God may ſometimes illuminate them, and (eſpecially towards their death) admit them to the poſſeſsion of ſome part of reaſon. A poore begger in Paris being very hungry ſtayed ſo long in a Cooks ſhop, who was diſhing up of meat, till his ſtomach was ſatisfied with the onely ſmell thereof. The cholerick covetous Cook demanded of him to pay for his breakfaſt. The pooreman denyed it, and the controverſie was referr'd to the deciding of the next man that ſhould paſſe by, which chanced to be the moſt notorious Idiot in the whole City. He on the relation of the matter determined that the poore mans money ſhould be put betwixt two empty diſhes, and the Cook ſhould be recompenced with the gingling of the poore mans money, as he was ſatisfied with the onely ſmell of the Cooks meat. And this is affirmed by * credible Writers, as no fable but an undoubted fact. More waggiſh was that of a rich landed Fool, whom a Courtier had begg'd, and carried about to wait on him. He coming with his maſter to a Gentlemans houſe where the picture of a Fool was wrought in a fair ſuit of arras, cut the picture out with a penknife. And being chidden for ſo doing, *You have more cauſe* (ſaid he) *to thank me, for if my maſter had ſeen the picture of the Fool, he would have begg'd the hangings of the King as he did my lands.* When the ſtanders by comforted a Naturall which lay on his death-bed, and told him that foure proper fellows ſhould carry his body to the Church: *Yea* (quoth he) *but I had rather by half go thither my ſelf*; and then prayed to God at his laſt gaſp not to require more of him then he gave him.

As for a Changeling, which is not one child changed for another, but one child on a ſudden much changed from it ſelf; and for a Jeſter, which ſome count a neceſſary evil in a Court (an office which none but he that hath wit can perform, and none

* *Jo. And. Panor. Barba. & alii indè ad noſtram. Hiero. Franc. in lib. furioſ. de reg. juris ff. Boer. deciſ. 23. n 58. Mantic. de conject. ult. v. lib. 2. Tit. 5. n. 8. Corſet. ſing. verbi Teſtamentum.*

and none but he that wants wit will perform) I conceive them not to belong to the preſent ſubject.

Chap. 13.

Of Recreations.

REcreation is a ſecond Creation, when wearineſſe hath almoſt annihilated ones ſpirits. It is the breathing of the ſoul, which otherwiſe would be ſtifled with continuall buſineſſe. We may treſpaſſe in them, if uſing ſuch as are forbidden by the Lawyer, as againſt the ſtatutes; Phyſician, as againſt health; Divine, as againſt conſcience.

Be well ſatisfied in thy Conſcience of the lawfulneſſe of the recreation thou uſeſt. Some fight againſt Cockfighting, and bait Bull and Bearbaiting, becauſe man is not to be a common Barretour to ſet the creatures at diſcord; and ſeeing Antipathy betwixt creatures was kindled by mans ſinne, what pleaſure can he take to ſee it burn? Others are of the contrary opinion, and that Chriſtianity gives us a placard to uſe theſe ſports; and that mans Charter of dominion over the creatures enables him to employ them as well for pleaſure as neceſsity. In theſe, as in all other doubtfull recreations, be well aſſured firſt of the legality of them. He that ſinnes againſt his Conſcience ſinnes with a witneſſe. *Maxime* 1

Spill not the morning (the quinteſſence of the day) in recreations. For ſleep it ſelf is a recreation; adde not therefore ſauce to ſauce; and he cannot properly have any title to be refreſh'd, who was not firſt faint. Paſtime, like wine, is poyſon in the morning. It is then good husbandry to ſow the head, which hath lain fallow all night, with ſome ſerious work. Chiefly intrench not on the Lords day to uſe unlawfull ſports; this were to ſpare thine own flock, and to ſheere Gods lambe. 2

Let thy recreations be ingenious, and bear proportion with thine age. If thou ſaiſt with Paul, *When I was a child I did* 3

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as a child, say also with him, *But when I was a man I put away childish things*. Wear also the childs coat, if thou usest his sports.

4 *Take heed of boisterous and overviolent exercises.* Ringing oftentimes hath made good musick on the bells, and put mens bodies out of tune, so that by overheating themselves they have rung their own passing-bell.

5 *Yet the ruder sort of people scarce count any thing a sport which is not loud and violent.* The Muscovite women esteem none loving husbands except they beat their wives. 'Tis no pastime with country Clowns that cracks not pates, breaks not shins, bruises not limbes, tumbles and tosses not all the body. They think themselves not warm in their geeres, till they are all on fire; and count it but dry sport, till they swim in their own sweat. Yet I conceive the Physicians rule in exercises, *Ad ruborem* but *non ad sudorem*, is too scant measure.

6 *Refresh that part of thy self which is most wearied.* If thy life be sedentary, exercise thy body; if stirring and active, recreate thy mind. But take heed of cousening thy mind, in setting it to do a double task under pretence of giving it a play-day, as in the labyrinth of Chesse, and other tedious and studious Games.

7 *Yet recreations distastfull to some dispositions relliſh best to others.* Fishing with an angle is to some rather a torture then a pleasure, to stand an houre as mute as the fish they mean to take: yet herewithall * Doctour Whitaker was much delighted. When some Noblemen had gotten William Cecill Lord Burleigh and Treasurer of England to ride with them a hunting, & the sport began to be cold; What call you this, said the Treasurer? Oh now said they the dogs are at a fault. Yea quoth the Treasurer, take me again in such a fault, and Ile give you leave to punish me. Thus as soon may the same meat please all palats, as the same sport suit with all dispositions.

* *In his life writ by Mr. Ashton.*

8 *Running, Leaping, and Dancing, the descants on the plain song*

ſong of walking, are all excellent exerciſes. And yet thoſe are the beſt recreations which beſides refreſhing enable, at leaſt diſpoſe, men to ſome other good ends. Bowling teaches mens hands and eyes Mathematicks, and the rules of Proportion : Swimming hath ſav'd many a mans life, when himſelf hath been both the wares, and the ſhip : Tilting and Fencing is warre without anger ; and manly ſports are the Grammer of Military performance.

9 *But above all Shooting is a noble recreation, and an half Liberall art.* A rich man told a poore man that he walked to get a ſtomach for his meat : *And I,* ſaid the poore man, *walk to get meat for my ſtomach.* Now Shooting would have fitted both their turns ; it provides food when men are hungry, and helps digeſtion when they are full. King Edward the ſixth (though he drew no ſtrong bow) ſhot very well, and when once John Dudley Duke of Northumberland commended him for hitting the mark ; *You ſhot better* (quoth the King) *when you ſhot off my good uncle Protectours head.* But our age ſees his Succeſſour exceeding him in that art, whoſe eye like his judgement is clear and quick to diſcover the mark, and his hands as juſt in Shooting as in dealing aright.

10 *Some ſports being granted to be lawfull, more propend to be ill then well uſed.* Such I count Stage-playes, when made alwayes the Actours work, and often the Spectatours recreation. * Zeuxis the curious picturer painted a boy holding a diſh full of grapes in his hand, done ſo lively that the birds being deceived flew to peck the grapes. But Zeuxis in an ingenious choller was angry with his own workmanſhip. *Had I* (ſaid he) *made the boy as lively as the grapes the birds would have been afraid to touch them.* Thus two things are ſet forth to us in Stage-playes : ſome grave ſentences, prudent counſells, and puniſhment of vitious examples ; and with theſe deſperate oathes, luſtfull talk, and riotous acts are ſo per-

* *Plin. nat. Hiſt. lib. 35. cap. 10.*

ſonated to the life, that wantons are tickled with delight, and feed their palats upon them. It ſeems the goodneſſe is not portrayed out with equall accents of livelineſſe as the wicked things are: otherwiſe men would be deterr'd from vitious courſes, with ſeeing the wofull ſucceſſe which follows them. But the main is, wanton ſpeeches on ſtages are the devils ordinance to beget badneſſe; but I queſtion whether the pious ſpeeches ſpoken there be Gods ordinance to increaſe goodneſſe, as wanting both his inſtitution and benediction.

11 *Choak not thy ſoul with immoderate pouring in the cordiall of pleaſures.* The Creation laſted but ſix dayes of the firſt week: Prophane they whoſe Recreation laſts ſeven dayes every week. Rather abbridge thy ſelf of thy lawfull liberty herein; it being a wary rule which S. * Gregory gives us, *Solus in illicitis non cadit, qui ſe aliquando & à licitis caute reſtringit.* And then Recreations ſhall both ſtrengthen labour, and ſweeten reſt, and we may expect Gods bleſſing and protection on us in following them, as well as in doing our work: For he that ſaith grace for his meat, in it prayes alſo to God to bleſſe his ſauce unto him. As for thoſe that will not take lawfull pleaſure, I am afraid they will take unlawfull pleaſure, and by lacing themſelves too hard grow awry on one ſide.

* *Lib. 5. moral. & Homil. 35. ſupra Evang.*

Chap. 14.
Of Tombes.

TOmbes are the clothes of the dead: a Grave is but a plain suit, and a rich Monument is one embroyder'd. Most moderate men have been carefull for the decent interment of their corps. Few of the fond mind of Arbogastus an Irish Saint, and Bishop of Spires in Germany, who would be buried near the * Gallows in imitation of our Saviour, whose grave was in mount Calvary near the place of execution.

* *Warræus de Scriptor. Hiber. pag. 26.*

Maxime 1

'Tis a provident way to make ones Tombe in ones life-time; both hereby to prevent the negligence of heirs, and to mind him of his mortality. * Virgil tells us that when bees swarm in the aire, and two armies meeting together fight as it were a set battel with great violence, cast but a little dust upon them and they will be quiet,

* *Georgic. lib. 4.*

Hi motus animorum, atque hæc certamina tanta
Pulveris exigui jactu compressa quiescunt.
These stirrings of their minds and strivings vast,
If but a little dust on them be cast,
Are straitwayes stinted, and quite overpast.

Thus the most ambitious motions and thoughts of mans mind are quickly quell'd when dust is thrown on him, whereof his fore-prepared Sepulchre is an excellent remembrancer.

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Yet some seem to have built their Tombes, therein to bury their thoughts of dying, never thinking thereof, but embracing the world with greater greedinesse. A Gentleman made choice of a fair stone, and intending the same for his Grave-stone, caused it to be pitched up in a field a pretty distance from his house, and used often to shoot at it for his exercise. *Yea but* (said a wag that stood by) *you would be loath Sir to hit the mark*: And so are many unwilling to die who notwithstanding have erected their Monuments.

3 *Tombes ought in ſome ſort to be proportioned not to the wealth but deſerts of the party interred.* Yet may we ſee ſome rich man of mean worth loaden under a tombe big enough for a Prince to bear. There were Officers appointed in the * Grecian Games, who alwayes by publick authority did pluck down the Statues erected to the Victours, if they exceeded the true ſymmetrie and proportion of their bodies. We need ſuch nowadayes to order Monuments to mens merits, chiefly to reform ſuch depopulating Tombes as have no good fellowſhip with them, but engroſſe all the room, leaving neither ſeats for the living, nor graves for the dead. It was a wiſe and thrifty law which * Reutha King of Scotland made, That Noblemen ſhould have ſo many pillars, or long pointed ſtones ſet on their ſepulchres, as they had ſlain enemies in the warres. If this order were alſo enlarged to thoſe who in peace had excellently deſerved of the Church or Commonwealth, it might well be revived.

* *Lucian. περὶ εἰκόνων.*

* *Hector Boeth in the life of King Reutha.*

4 *Overcoſtly Tombes are onely baits for Sacriledge.* Thus Sacriledge hath beheaded that peereleſſe Prince King Henrie the fift, the body of whoſe Statue on his Tombe in Weſtminſter was covered over with ſilver plate guilded, and his head of * maſſy ſilver; both which now are ſtollen away: Yea hungry palats will feed on courſer meat. I had rather * Mr Stow then I ſhould tell you of a Nobleman who ſold the monuments of Noblemen, in S. Auguſtines Church in Broadſtreet, for an hundred pound, which coſt many thouſands, and in the place thereof made fair ſtabling for horſes; as if Chriſt who was born in a ſtable ſhould be brought into it the ſecond time. It was not without cauſe in the Civill Law that a wife might be divorc'd, from her husband, if ſhe could prove him to be one that had * broken the Sepulchres of the dead: For it was preſum'd he muſt needs be a tyrannicall husband to his wife, who had not ſo much mercy as to ſpare the aſhes of the departed. *The*

* *J. Speed in the end of Henry the 5.*

* *In the deſcript. of London, Broadſtreet-ward, pag. 184.*

* Si nimirum ſepulchrorum diſſolutorem eſſe probaverit, *Kirkman. de funer. Roman lib. 3. c. 26. ex cod. de repudiis.*

The ſhorteſt, plaineſt, & trueſt Epitaphs are beſt. I ſay, the Shorteſt; for when a Paſſenger ſees a Chronicle written on a Tombe, he takes it on truſt, ſome Great man lies there buried, without taking pains to examine who he is. Mr Cambden in his Remains preſents us with examples of Great men that had little * Epitaphs. And when once I ask'd a witty Gentleman, an honoured friend of mine, what Epitaph was fitteſt to be written on Mr Cambdens Tombe. Let it be, ſaid he, 5

*as, Fui Caius. Scaligeri quod reliquum eſt. Depoſitum Cardinalis Poli, &c.

CAMBDENS REMAINS.

I ſay alſo the Plaineſt; for except the ſenſe lie above ground, few will trouble themſelves to dig for't. Laſtly, it muſt be True: Not as as in ſome Monuments, where the red veins in the marble may ſeem to bluſh at the falſhoods written on it. He was a witty man that firſt taught a ſtone to ſpeak, but he was a wicked man that taught it firſt to lie.

To want a Grave is the cruelty of the living, not the miſery of the dead. An Engliſh Gentleman not long ſince did lie on his death-bed in Spain, and the Jeſuites did flock about him to pervert him to their Religion. All was in vain. Their laſt argument was, If you will not turn Romane Catholick, then your body ſhall be unburied. *Then* (anſwered he) *I'le ſtink*, and ſo turned his head and dyed. Thus love, if not to the dead, to the living will make him, if not a grave, a hole: and it was the Beggers Epitaph, 6

Nudus eram vivus, mortuus ecce tegor.
Naked I liv'd, but being dead,
Now behold I'm covered.

A good Memory is the beſt Monument. Others are ſubject to Caſualty and Time, and we know that the Pyramids themſelves doting with age have forgotten the names of their Founders. To conclude, Let us be carefull to provide reſt for our ſouls, and our bodies will provide reſt for themſelves. And let us not be herein like unto Gentlewomen, which care not to 7

keep the inside of the orenge, but candy and preserve onely the outside thereof.

Chap. 15.
Of Deformitie.

Deformitie is either Naturall, Voluntary, or Adventitious, being either caused by Gods unseen Providence (by men nicknamed, Chance)or by mans Cruelty. We will take them in order.

Maxime 1 *If thou beest not so handsome as thou wouldest have been thank God thou art no more unhandsome then thou art.* 'Tis his mercie thou art not the mark for passengers fingers to point at, an Heteroclite in Nature, with some member defective or redundant. Be glad that thy clay-cottage hath all the necessary rooms thereto belonging, though the outside be not so fairly playstered as some others.

2 *Yet is it lawfull and commendable by Art to correct the defects and deformities of Nature.* Ericthonius being a goodly man from the girdle upwards, but, as the Poets feigne, having downwards the body of a * Serpent (moralize him to have had some defect in his feet) first invented charets, wherein he so sate that the upper parts of him might be seen, and the rest of his body concealed. Little heed is to be given to his * lying pen, who maketh Anna Bollen, Mother to Queen Elizabeth, the first finder out and wearer of Ruffes, to cover a wen she had in her neck. Yet the matter's not much,such an addition of Art being without any fraud or deceit.

* *Servius in illud Virgilii lib.* 3. *Georg.* Primus Ericthonius, *&c.*

* *Sanders de schism. Anglic. lib.* 1. *pag.* 17.

Mock not at those who are misshapen by Nature. There is the same reason of the poore and of the deformed; he that despiseth them despiseth God that made them. A poore man is a picture of Gods own making, but set in a plain frame, not guilded : a deformed man is also his workmanship, but not drawn with

with even lines and lively colours: The former, not for want of wealth, as the latter not for want of skill, but both for the pleasure of the maker. As for *Aristotle, who would have parents expose their deformed children to the wide world without caring for them, his opinion herein, not onely deform'd but most monstrous, deserves rather to be exposed to the scorn and contempt of all men.

* *Lib. 7. Polit. cap. 16.*

4 *Some people handsome by Nature have wilfully deformed themselves.* Such as wear Bacchus his colours in their faces, arising not from having, but being, bad livers. When the woman (the first of Kings, the 3. and 21.) considered the child that was laid by her, *Behold*, said she, *it was not my sonne which I did bear.* Should God survey the faces of many men and women, he would not own and acknowledge them for those which he created: many are so altered in colour, and some in sex, women to men, and men to women in their monstrous, fashions, so that they who behold them cannot by the evidence of their apparell give up their verdict of what sex they are. It is most safe to call the users of these hermaphroditicall fashions, Franciſſes, and Philips, names agreeing to both sexes.

5 *Confessours which wear the badges of truth are thereby made the more beautifull*; though deformed in time of Persecution for Christs sake through mens malice. This made Constantine the Great to * kisse the hole in the face of Paphnutius, out of which the Tyrant Maximinus had bored his eye for the profession of the faith, the good Emperour making much of the socket even when the candle was put out. Next these, wounds in warre are most honourable: Halting is the statelieſt march of a Souldier; and 'tis a brave sight to see the flesh of an Ancient as torn as his Colours. He that mocks at the marks of valour in a Souldiers face, is likely to live

* *Ruffin. lib. 1. cap. 4.*

to

to have the brands of justice on his own shoulders.

6 *Nature oftentimes recompenceth deform'd bodies with excellent wits.* Witnesse Æsop, then whose Fables children cannot reade an easier, nor men a wiser book; for all latter Morallists do but write comments upon them. Many jeering wits who have thought to have rid at their ease on the bowed backs of some Cripples, have by their unhappy answers been unhors'd and thrown flat on their own backs. A jeering Gentleman commended a Begger who was deformed and little better then blind for having an excellent eye, *True* (said the Begger) *for I can discern an honest man from such a knave as you are.*

7 *Their souls have been the Chappells of sanctity, whose bodies have been the Spitolls of deformity.* An * Emperour of Germany coming by chance on a Sunday into a Church, found there a most misshapen Priest, *pene portentum Naturæ*, insomuch as the Emperour scorn'd and contemn'd him. But when he heard him reade those words in the Service, *For it is he that made us and not we our selves*, the Emperour check'd his own proud thoughts, and made inquiry into the quality and condition of the man, and finding him on examination to be most learned and devout, he made him Archbishop of Colen, which place he did excellently discharge.

*Guliel. Malm. lib. 2. cap. 10.

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Chap. 16.

Of Plantations.

PLantations make mankind broader, as Generation makes it thicker. To advance an happy Plantation the Undertakers, Planters, and Place it ſelf muſt contribute their endeavours.

Let the prime Vndertakers be men of no ſhallow heads, nor narrow fortunes. Such as have a reall Eſtate, ſo that if defeated in their adventure abroad, they may have a retreating place at home, and ſuch as will be contented with their preſent loſſe to be benefactours to poſterity. But if the Prince himſelf be pleaſed not onely to wink at them with his permiſsion, but alſo to ſmile on them with his encouragement, there is great hope of ſucceſſe: for then he will grant them ſome immunities and priviledges. Otherwiſe (Infants muſt be ſwathed not laced) young Plantations will never grow, if ſtraitned with as hard Laws as ſettled Common-wealths. *Maxime* 1

Let the Planters be honeſt, skilfull, and painfull people. For if they be ſuch as leap thither from the gallows, can any hope for cream out of ſcumme? when men ſend (as I may ſay) Chriſtian Savages to Heathen Savages. It was rather bitterly then falſely ſpoken concerning one of our Weſtern Plantations (conſiſting moſt of diſſolute people) *That it was very like unto England, as being ſpit out of the very mouth of it.* Nor muſt the Planters be onely honeſt but induſtrious alſo. What hope is there that they who were drones at home will be bees abroad, eſpecially if farre off from any to overſee them. 2

Let the place be naturally ſtrong, or at leaſt wiſe capable of fortification. For though at the firſt Planters are ſufficiently fenced with their own povertie, and though at the beginning their worſt enemies will ſpare them out 3

of pity to themſelves, their ſpoyl not countervailing the coſt of ſpoyling them; yet when once they have gotten wealth, they muſt get ſtrength to defend it. Here know Ilands are eaſily ſhut, whereas Continents have their doores ever open, not to be bolted without great charges. Beſides, unadviſed are thoſe Planters, who having choice of ground, have built their Towns in places of a ſervile nature, as being overawed and conſtantly commanded by ſome hills about them.

4 *Let it have a Self-ſufficiency, or ſome Staple commoditie to ballance traffique with other countreys.* As for a Self-ſufficiencie few countreys can ſtand alone, and ſuch as can for matter of want, will for wantonneſſe lean on others. Staple commodities are ſuch as are never out of faſhion, as belonging to a mans Being, Being with comfort, Being with delight, the Luxury of our age having made ſuperfluities neceſſary. And ſuch a place will thrive the better, when men may ſay with Iſaac, * *Reboboth, Now the Lord hath made room for us*, when new Colonies come not in with extirpation of the Natives; for this is rather a Supplanting then a Planting.

* *Gen.* 26. 22.

5 *Let the Planters labour to be loved and feard of the Natives.* With whom let them uſe all juſt bargaining, being as naked in their dealings with them as the other in their going, keeping all covenants, performing all promiſes with them: Let them embrace all occaſions to convert them, knowing that each Convert is a conqueſt; and it is more honour to overcome Paganiſme in one, then to conquer a thouſand Pagans. As for the inſcription of a Deity in their hearts it need not be new written, but onely new ſcowred in them. I am confident that America (though the youngeſt ſiſter of the foure) is now grown marriageable, and daily hopes to get Chriſt to her husband, by the Preaching of the Goſpel. This makes me attentively to liſten after ſome Proteſtant firſt-fruits, in hope the harveſt will ripen afterwards.

Chap. 17.

Of Contentment.

IT is one property which (they say) is required of those who seek for the Philosophers stone, that they must not do it with any covetous desire to be rich; for otherwise they shall never find it. But most true it is that whosoever would have this jewell of Contentment (which turns all into Gold, yea Want into Wealth) must come with minds devested of all ambitious and covetous thoughts, else are they never likely to obtain it. We will describe Contentment first negatively:

It is not a senseless stupidity what becomes of our outward estates. God would have us take notice of all accidents which from him happen to us in worldly matters. Had the Martyrs had the dead palsie before they went to the stake to be burnt, their suffrings had not been so glorious. *Maxime* 1

It is not a word-braving, or scorning of all wealth in discourse. Generally those who boast most of Contentment have least of it. Their very boasting shews that they want something, and basely beg it, namely Commendation. These in their language are like unto kites in their flying, which mount in the aire so scornfully, as if they disdaind to stoop for the whole earth, fetching about many stately circuits: but what is the Spirit these conjurers with so many circles intend to raise? a poore chicken, or perchance a piece of carrion: And so the height of the others proud boasting will humble it self for a little base gain. 2

But it is an humble and willing submitting our selves to Gods pleasure in all conditions. One observeth (how truly I dispute not) that the French naturally have so elegant and gracefull a carriage, that what posture of body soever in their salutations, or what fashion of attire soever 3

ver they are pleaſed to take on them it doth ſo beſeem them, that one would think nothing can become them better. Thus Contentment makes men carry themſelves gracefully in wealth, want, in health, ſickneſſe, freedome, fetters, yea what condition ſoever God allots them.

4 *It is no breach of Contentment for men to complain that their ſuffrings are unjuſt, as offered by men*: provided they allow them for juſt, as proceeding from God, who uſeth wicked mens injuſtice to correct his children. But let us take heed that we bite not ſo high at the handle of the rod, as to faſten on his hand that holds it; our diſcontentments mounting ſo high as to quarrell with God himſelf.

5 *It is no breach of Contentment for men by lawfull means to ſeek the removall of their miſerie, and bettering of their eſtate.* Thus men ought by induſtrie to endeavour the getting of more wealth, ever ſubmitting themſelves to Gods will. A lazy hand is no argument of a Contented heart. Indeed he that is idle, and followeth after vain perſons ſhall have enough, but how? Prov. 28. 19. *Shall have poverty enough.*

6 *Gods Spirit is the beſt Schoolmaſter to teach Contentment*: A Schoolmaſter who can make good Scholars, and warrant the ſucceſſe as well as his endeavour. The School of Sanctified afflictions is the beſt place to learn Contentment in: I ſay, Sanctified; for naturally, like reſty horſes, we go the worſe for the beating, if God bleſſe not afflictions unto us.

7 *Contentment conſiſteth not in adding more fuell, but in taking away ſome fire*: not in multiplying of wealth, but in ſubſtracting mens deſires. Worldly riches, like nuts, teare many clothes in getting them, ſpoil many teeth in cracking them, but fill no belly with eating them, obſtructing onely the ſtomach with toughnes, and filling the guts with windineſſe: Yea our ſouls may ſooner ſurfet then be ſatisfied with earthly things. He that at

first thought ten thousand pound too much for any one man, will afterwards think ten millions too little for himself.

8 *Men create more discontents to themselves, then ever happened to them from others.* We reade of our Saviour that at the buriall of Lazarus, John 11. 33. Ἐτάραξεν ἑαυτὸν, *He troubled himself*, by his spirit raising his own passions, though without any ataxie or sinfull disturbance. What was an act of power in him, is an act of weaknesse in other men: *Man disquieteth himself in vain*, with many causeless and needlesse afflictions.

9 *Pious meditations much advantage Contentment in adversitie.* Such as these are, to consider first, that more are beneath us then above us; secondly, many of Gods dear Saints have been in the same condition; thirdly, we want rather superfluities then necessities; fourthly, the more we have the more we must account for; fifthly, earthly blessings through mans corruption are more prone to be abused then well-used. In some fenny places in England, where they are much troubled with gnats, they use to hang up dung in the midst of the room for a bait for the gnats to flie to, and so catch them with a net provided for the purpose. Thus the devil ensnareth the souls of many men by alluring them with the muck and dung of this world, to undo them eternally; sixthly, we must leave all earthly wealth at our death, *and riches avail not in the day of wrath.* But as some use to fill up the stamp of light gold with dirt, thereby to make it weigh the heavier; so it seems some men load their souls with thick clay, to make them passe the better in Gods ballance, but all to no purpose; seventhly, the lesse we have, the lesse it will grieve us to leave this world; lastly, it is the will of God, and therefore both for his glory and our good, whereof we ought to be assured. I have heard how a Gentleman travelling in a misty morning ask'd of a Shepherd (such men

being generally skill'd in the Physiognomie of the Heavens) what weather it would be? *It will be*, said the Shepherd, *what weather shall please me*: and being courteously requested to expresse his meaning, *Sir* (saith he) *it shall be what weather pleaseth God, and what weather pleaseth God, pleaseth me.* Thus Contentment maketh men to have even what they think fitting themselves, because submitting to Gods will and pleasure.

To conclude, A man ought to be like unto a cunning Actour, who if he be enjoyned to represent the person of some Prince or Nobleman, does it with a grace and comlinesse; if by and by he be commanded to lay that aside, and play the Begger, he does that as willingly and as well. But as it happened in a Tragedy (to spare naming the Person and Place) that one being to act Theseus, in *Hercules Furens*, coming out of Hell, could not for a long time be perswaded to wear old sooty clothes proper to his part, but would needs come out of Hell in a white Satin doublet: so we are generally loath, and it goes against flesh and blood, to live in a low and poore estate, but would fain act in richer and handsomer clothes, till Grace, with much adoe, subdues our rebellious stomachs to Gods will.

Chap. 18.

Of Books.

SOlomon saith truly, *Of making many Books there is no end*, so insatiable is the thirst of men therein: as also endles is the desire of many in buying and reading them. But we come to our Rules.

Maxime 1 *It is a vanity to perswade the world one hath much learning by getting a great library.* As soon shall I believe every one is valiant that hath a well furnish'd armoury. I guesse good housekeeping by the smoking, not the number of the tunnels, as knowing that many of them (built merely for uniformity) are without chimnies, and more without fires. Once a dunce, void of learning but full of Books, flouted a library-lesse Scholar with these words, *Salve Doctor sine libris*: But the next day the Scholar coming into this jeerers study crowded with Books, *Salvete libri* (saith he) *sine Doctore.*

2 *Few Books well selected are best.* Yet as a certain Fool bought all the pictures that came out, because he might have his choice; such is the vain humour of many men in gathering of Books: yet when they have done all, they misse their end, it being in the Editions of Authours as in the fashions of clothes, when a man thinks he hath gotten the latest and newest, presently another newer comes out.

3 *Some Books are onely cursorily to be tasted of.* Namely first Voluminous Books, the task of a mans life to reade them over; secondly, Auxiliary Books, onely to be repair'd to on occasions; thirdly, such as are mere pieces of Formality, so that if you look on them you look thorow them; and he that peeps thorow the casement of the Index sees as much as if he were in the house. But the lazinesse of those cannot be excused who perfunctorily passe over Authours of consequence, and onely trade in their Fables and Contents. These like City-

City-Cheaters having gotten the names of all countrey Gentlemen, make ſilly people believe they have long lived in thoſe places where they never were, and flouriſh with skill in thoſe Authours they never ſeriouſly ſtudied.

4 *The Genius of the Authour is commonly diſcovered in the Dedicatory epiſtle.* Many place the pureſt grain in the mouth of the ſack for chapmen to handle or buy: And from the dedication one may probably gueſſe at the Work, ſaving ſome rare and peculiar exceptions. Thus when once a Gentleman admired how ſo pithy, learned, and witty a dedication was match'd to a flat, dull, fooliſh book; *In truth*, ſaid another, *they may be well match'd together, for I profeſſe they are nothing a kinne.*

5 *Proportion an houres meditation to an houres reading of a ſtaple Authour.* This makes a man maſter of his learning, and diſpirits the book into the Scholar. The King of Sweden never * filed his men above ſix deep in one company, becauſe he would not have them lie in uſeleſſe cluſters in his Army, but ſo that every particular Souldier might be drawn out into ſervice. Books that ſtand thinne on the ſhelves, yet ſo as the owner of them can bring forth every one of them into uſe, are better then farre greater libraries.

* *Wards Animadver. of warre ſect. 17. lib. 2. cap. 5.*

6 *Learning hath gained moſt by thoſe books by which the Printers have loſt.* Arius Montanus in printing the Hebrew Bible (commonly called the Bible of the King of Spain) much waſted himſelf, and was accuſed in the Court of Rome for his good deed, and being cited thither, * *Pro tantorum laborum præmio vix veniam impetravit.* Likewiſe Chriſtopher Plantin by printing of his curious interlineary Bible in Anwerp, through the unſeaſonable * exactions of the Kings Officers, ſunk and almoſt ruin'd his eſtate. And our worthy Engliſh Knight, who ſet forth the golden-mouth'd Father in a ſilver print, was a looſer by it.

* *Thuanus obit. vir. Doct. Anno* 1598.

* *Idem in eodem oper. Anno* 1589.

7 *Whereas fooliſh Pamphlets prove moſt beneficall to the Printers.*

ters. When a French Printer complain'd that he was utterly undone by Printing a ſolid ſerious book of Rablais concerning Phyſick, Rablais to make him recompence made that his jeſting ſcurrilous Work which repair'd the Printers loſſe with advantage. Such books the world ſwarms too much with. When one had ſet out a witleſſe Pamphlet, writing *Finis* at the end thereof, another wittily wrote beneath it,

------Nay there thou li'ſt, my friend,
In writing fooliſh books there is no end.

And ſurely ſuch ſcurrilous ſcandalous papers do more then conceivable miſchief. Firſt their luſciouſneſſe puts many palats out of taſte, that they can never after relliſh any ſolid and wholſome Writers: ſecondly, they caſt dirt on the faces of many innocent perſons, which dryed on by continuance of time can never after be waſhed off: thirdly, the Pamphlets of this age may paſſe for Records with the next (becauſe publickly uncontrolled) and what we laugh at, our children may believe: fourthly, grant the things true they jeer at, yet this muſick is unlawfull in any Chriſtian Church, to play upon the ſinnes and miſeries of others, the fitter object of the Elegies then the Satyrs of all truly religious.

But what do I ſpeaking againſt multiplicity of books in this age, who treſpaſſe in this nature my ſelf? What was a * learned mans complement may ſerve for my confeſſion and concluſion; *Multi mei ſimiles hoc morbo laborant, ut cum ſcribere neſciant tamen à ſcribendo temperare non poſſint.*

* *Eraſmus in præfat. in 3. ſeriem 4. Tomi Hieron. pag.* 408.

CHAP. 19.

Chap. 19.

Of Time-serving.

THere be foure kinds of Time-serving: first, out of Christian discretion, which is commendable; second, out of humane infirmity, which is more pardonable; third, and fourth, out of ignorance, or affection, both which are damnable: of them in order.

Maxime 1 *He is a good Time-server that complyes his manners to the severall ages of this life*: pleasant in youth, without wantonnesse; grave in old age without frowardnesse. Frost is as proper for winter, as flowers for spring. Gravity becomes the ancient; and a green Christmas is neither handsome nor healthfull.

2 *He is a good Time-server that finds out the fittest opportunity for every action.* God hath made a *time for every thing under the sunne*, save onely for that, which we do at all times, to wit Sinne.

3 *He is a good Time-server that improves the present for Gods glory, and his own salvation.* Of all the extent of time, onely the instant is that which we can call ours.

4 *He is a good Time-server that is pliant to the times in matters of mere indifferency.* To● blame are they whose minds may seem to be made of one entire bone without any joynts: they cannot bend at all, but stand as stiffly in things of pure indifferency, as in matters of absolute necessity.

5 *He is a good Time-server that in time of persecution neither betrayes Gods cause, nor his own safety.* And this he may do,

1 By lying hid both in his person and practice: though he will do no evil he will forbear the publick doing of some good. He hath as good cheer in his heart, though he keeps not open house, and will not publickly broch his Religi-

on,

on, till the palat of the times be better in taſte to relliſh it. *The* * *Prudent ſhall keep ſilence in that time, for it is an evil time.* Though according to S. Peters command we are to *give a* * *reaſon of our hope to every one that asketh*; namely, that asketh for his inſtruction, but not for our deſtruction, eſpecially if wanting lawfull Authority to examine us. * *Ye ſhall be brought* ſaith Chriſt (no need have they therefore to run) *before Princes for my ſake.*

* *Amos.* 5. *v.* 13.

* 1. *Pet.* 3. 15.

* *Matth.* 10. 18.

2 By flying away: if there be no abſolute neceſsity of his ſtaying, no ſcandall given by his flight; if he wants ſtrength to ſtay it out till death; and laſtly, if God openeth a fair way for his departure: otherwiſe, if God bolts the doores and windows againſt him, he is not to creep out at the top of the chimney, and to make his eſcape by unwarrantable courſes. If all ſhould flie, Truth would want champions for the preſent; if none ſhould flie, Truth might want champions for the future. We come now to Time-ſervers out of infirmity.

6 *Heart of oke hath ſometimes warp'd a little in the ſcorching heat of perſecution.* Their want of true courage herein cannot be excuſed. Yet many cenſure them for ſurrendring up their forts after a long ſiege, who would have yielded up their own at the firſt ſummons. Oh, there is more required to make one valiant, then to call Cranmer or Jewell Coward, as if the fire in Smithfield had been no hotter, then what is painted in the Book of Martyrs.

7 *Yet afterwards they have come into their former ſtraightneſſe & ſtiffneſſe.* The troops which at firſt rather wheeld about then ran away have come in ſeaſonable at laſt. Yea their conſtant bluſhing for ſhame of their former cowardlineſſe hath made their ſouls ever after look more modeſt and beautifull. Thus Cranmer (who ſubſcribed to Popery) grew valiant afterwards, and

thruſt his right hand which ſubſcribed firſt into fire, ſo that that hand dyed (as it were) a malefactour and all the reſt of his body dyed a martyr.

8 *Some have ſerved the times out of mere Ignorance.* Gaping for company, as others gap'd before them, *Pater noſter*, or, Our Father. I could both ſigh and ſmile at the witty ſimplicity of a poore old woman who had lived in the dayes of Queen Marie, and Queen Elizabeth, and ſaid her prayers dayly both in Latine and Engliſh, and *Let God*, ſaid ſhe, *take to himſelf which he likes beſt.*

9 *But worſt are thoſe who ſerve the times out of mere Affectation.* Doing as the times do, not becauſe the times do as they ſhould do, but merely for ſiniſter reſpects, to ingratiate themſelves. We reade of an Earl of * Oxford fined by King Henrie the ſeventh fifteen thouſand marks for having too many Retainers. But how many Retainers hath Time had in all ages? and Servants in all offices? yea and Chaplains too?

* *Lord Bacon in Henry ſeventh, p. 211.*

10 *It is a very difficult thing to ſerve the times*; they change ſo frequently, ſo ſuddenly, and ſometimes ſo violently from one extreme to another. The times under Dioclesian were Pagan; under Conſtantine, Chriſtian; under Conſtantius, Arian; under Julian, Apoſtate; under Jovian, Chriſtian again, and all within the age of man, the term of ſeventie years. And would it not have wrench'd and ſpraind his ſoul with ſhort turning, who in all theſe ſhould have been of the Religion *for the time being*?

11 *Time-ſervers are oftentimes left in the lurch.* If they do not onely give their word for the times in their conſtant diſcourſes, but alſo give their bands for them, and write in their defence. Such, when the times turn afterwards to another extreme, are left in the briers, and come off very hardly from the bill of their hands; If they turn again with the times none will truſt them; for who will make a ſtaff of an oſier?

12 *Miſerable will be the condition of ſuch Time-ſervers when their*

their Master is taken from them. When as the Angel swore Rev. 10. 6. that *Time shall be no longer.* Therefore is it best serving of him who is eternity, a Master that can ever protect us.

To conclude, he that intends to meet with one in a great Fair, and knows not where he is, may sooner find him by standing still in some principall place there, then by traversing it up and down. Take thy stand on some good ground in Religion, and keep thy station in a fixed posture, never hunting after the times to follow them, and an hundred to one, they will come to thee once in thy lifetime.

Chap. 20.

Of Moderation.

MOderation *is* * *the silken string running through the pearl-chain of all virtues.* It appears both in Practice, and Judgement: we will insist on the latter, and describe it first negatively:

* *Bishop Hall of Christian Moderation, pag. 6.*

Maxime 1

Moderation is not an halting betwixt two opinions, when the through-believing of one of them is necessary to salvation: no pity is to be shown to such voluntary cripples. We reade (Acts 27. 12.) of an Haven in Crete *which lay towards the South-West, and towards the North-West*: strange, that it could have part of two opposite points, North and South, sure, it must be very winding. And thus some mens souls are in such intricate postures, they lay towards the Papists, and towards the Protestants; such we count not of a moderate judgement, but of an immoderate unsettledness.

2

Nor is it a lukewarmness in those things wherein Gods glory is concernd. Herein it's a true Rule, * *Non amat qui non zelat.* And they that are thus lukewarm here shall be too hot hereafter in that oven wherein *Dow-bak'd cakes* shall be burnt.

* *Augustin. contra Adamant. cap. 13.*

3

But it is a mixture of discretion and charity in ones judgement.

Discretion puts a difference betwixt things absolutely necessary to salvation to be done and believed, and those which are of a second sort and lower form, wherein more liberty and latitude is allowed. In maintaining whereof, the stiffnesse of the judgement is abated, and suppled with charity towards his neighbour. The lukewarm man eyes onely his own ends, and particular profit; the moderate man aims at the good of others, and unity of the Church.

4

Yet such moderate men are commonly crush'd betwixt the extreme parties on both sides. But what said Ignatius? * *I am Christs wheat, and must be ground with the teeth of beasts, that I may be made Gods pure manchet.* Saints are born to suffer, and must take it patiently. Besides, in this world generally they get the least preferment; it faring with them as with the guest that sat in the midst of the table, who could reach to neither messe, above or beneath him:

* *Irenæus lib. 5.*

Esuriunt Medii, Fines bene sunt saturati;
Dixerunt stulti, Medium tenuere beati.
Both ends o'th' table furnish'd are with meat,
Whilst they in middle nothing have to eat.
They were none of the wisest well I wist,
Who made blisse in the middle to consist.

Yet these temporall inconveniences of moderation are abundantly recompenced with other better benefits: for

1 A well informd judgement in it self is a preferment. Potamon began a sect of Philosophers called * Ἐκλέκτικοι, who wholly adher'd to no former sect, but chose out of all of them what they thought best. Surely such Divines, who in unimporting controversies extract the probablest opinions from all Professions, are best at ease in their minds.

* *Diog. Laert in fine Proœmii.*

2 As the moderate mans temporall hopes are not great so his fears are the lesse. He fears not to have

have the ſplinters of his party (when it breaks) flie into his eyes, or to be buried under the ruines of his ſide if ſuppreſt. He never pinn'd his religion on any mans ſleeve, no, not on *the Arme of fleſh*, and therefore is free from all dangerous engagements.

3 His conſcience is clear from raiſing Schiſmes in the Church. The Turks did uſe to wonder much at our Engliſh men for * pinking or cutting their clothes, counting them little better then mad for their pains to make holes in whole cloth, which time of it ſelf would tear too ſoon. But grant men may doe with their own garments, as their phancy adviſeth them: yet woe be to ſuch who willingly cut and rend the ſeamleſſe Coat of Chriſt with diſſentions.

* *Bidulph. in his travell to Jeruſalem, pag. 98.*

4 His religion is more conſtant and durable; being here, *in via*, in his way to Heaven, and jogging on a good Travellers pace he overtakes and out-goes many violent men, whoſe overhot ill-grounded Zeal was quickly tired.

5 In matters of moment indeed none are more Zealous. He thriftily treaſur'd up his ſpirits for that time, who if he had formerly rent his lungs for every trifle, he would have wanted breath in points of importance.

6 Once in an age the moderate man is in faſhion, Each extreme courts him, to make them friends; and ſurely he hath a great advantage to be a Peace-maker betwixt oppoſite parties. Now whileſt, as we have ſaid, moderate men are conſtant to themſelves,

Violent men reel from one extremity to another. Who would think that the Eaſt and Weſt Indies were ſo near together, whoſe names ſpeak them at diametricall oppoſition? And yet their extremities are either the ſame Continent, or parted with a very narrow Sea.

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As the world is round, so we may observe a circulation in opinions, and Violent men turn often round in their tenets.

6 *Pride is the greatest enemy to Moderation.* This makes men stickle for their opinions, to make them fundamentall: Proud men having deeply studied some additionall point in Divinity, will strive to make the same necessary to salvation, to enhanse the value of their own worth and pains; and it must be fundamentall in religion, because it is fundamentall to their reputation. Yea as love doth descend, and men doat most on their Grandchildren, so these are indulgent to the deductions of their deductions, and consequentiall inferences to the seventh generation, making them all of the foundation, though scarce of the building of religion. * Ancient Fathers made the Creed *symbolum*, the shot and totall summe of Faith. Since which how many arrearages, and after-reckonings have men brought us in? to which if we will not pay our belief, our souls must be arrested without bail upon pain of damnation. Next to Pride popular Applause is the greatest foe Moderation hath, and sure they who sail with that wind have their own vain glory for their Haven.

* *Irenæus cap. 2. 3. Tertull. de virgin. velan. Hilarius ad Constant. August. Taur. Maxim. Serm. de symbolo. August. Serm. 2. & 1081. De Tempore.*

To close up all, Let men on Gods blessing soundly, yet wisely, whip and lash Lukewarmnesse and Timeserving, their thongs will never flie in the face of true Moderation, to do it any harm; for however men may undervalue it, that * Father spake most truly, *Si virtutum finis ille sit maximus, qui plurimorum spectat profectum, Moderatio prope omnium pulcherrima est.*

* *Ambros. de pœniten. contra Novat. Lib. 1. cap. 1*

Chap. 21.

Of Gravity.

GRavity is the ballaſt of the ſoul, which keeps the mind ſteddy. It is either true, or counterfeit.

Naturall dulneſſe, and heavineſſe of temper, is ſometimes miſtaken for true Gravity. In ſuch men in whoſe conſtitutions one of the tetrarch Elements *fire* may ſeem to be omitted. Theſe ſometimes not onely cover their defects, but get praiſe : *Maxime* 1

Sæpe latet vitium proximitate boni.

They do wiſely to counterfeit a reſervedneſſe, and to keep their cheſts alwayes lock'd, not for fear any ſhould ſteal treaſure thence, but leſt ſome ſhould look in, and ſee that there is nothing within them. But they who are born Eunuchs deſerve no ſuch great commendation for their chaſtity. Wonder not ſo much that ſuch men are grave, but wonder at them if they be not grave.

Affected Gravity paſſes often for that which is true: I mean with dull eyes, for in it ſelf nothing is more ridiculous. When one ſhall uſe the preface of a mile, to bring in a furlong of matter, ſet his face and ſpeech in a frame, and to make men believe it is ſome pretious liquour, their words come out drop by drop : Such mens viſards do ſometimes fall from them, not without the laughter of the beholders. One was called *Gravity* for his affected ſolemneſſe, who afterwards being catch'd in a light prank was ever after to the day of his death called *Gravity-levity*. 2

True Gravity expreſſeth it ſelf in Gate, Geſture, Apparell, and Speech. Vox * *quædam eſt animi, corporis motus.* As for Speech, Gravity enjoyns it, 3

* *Ambroſ. de offic. lib. 1. cap. 18.*

1 Not to be over much. *In* * *the multitude of words there wanteth not ſinne.* For of neceſsity many of them muſt be idle, whoſe beſt commendation is that

* *Prov. 10. 19.*

they are good for nothing. Besides, * *Dum otiosa verba cavere negligimus, ad noxia pervenimus.* And great talkers discharge too thick to take alwayes true aim; besides, it is odious in a company. A man full of words, who took himself to be a Grand wit, made his brag that he was the leader of the discourse in what company soever he came, and *None*, said he, *dare speak in my presence, if I hold my peace. No wonder*, answered one, *for they are all struck dumbe at the miracle of your silence.*

* *Greg moral. lib. 7. cap. 17.*

2 To be wise and discreet, Colossians 4. 6. *Let your speech be alwayes with grace, seasoned with salt. Alwayes*, not onely sometimes in the company of godly men. * Tindals being in the room hindred a juggler that he could not play his feats: (A Saints presence stops the devils elbow-room to do his tricks) and so some wicked men are awed into good discourse, whilest pious people are present. But it must be alwayes *seasoned with salt*, which is the *primum vivens & ultimum moriens* at a feast, first brought, and last taken away, and set in the midst as most necessary thereunto. *With salt*, that is with wisdome and discretion, *non salibus, sed sale*; nor yet with smarting jeeres, like those whose discourse is *fire-salt*, speaking constant satyrs to the disgrace of others.

* *Fox Martyrs, pag. 1079.*

4 *That may be done privately without breach of Gravity, which may not be done publickly.* As when a father makes himself his childs rattle, sporting with him till the father hath devour'd the wiseman in him.

Equitans in arundine longa.
In stead of stately steed,
Riding upon a reed.

Making play unto him, that one would think he kill'd his own discretion, to bring his child asleep. Such cases are no trespasse on Gravity, and married men may claim their priviledge, *to be judged by their*

Peeres

Peeres, and may herein appeal from the cenſuring verdict of batchelours.

5 *Nature in men is ſometimes unjuſtly taxed for a treſpaſſe againſt Gravity.* Some have active ſpirits, yea their ordinary pace is a race. Others have ſo ſcornfull a carriage, that he who ſeeth them once may think them to be all pride, whileſt he that ſeeth them often knows them to have none. Others have perchance a misbeſeeming garb in geſture which they cannot amend; that fork needing ſtrong tines wherewith one muſt thruſt away nature. A fourth ſort are of a merry cheerfull diſpoſition; and God forbid all ſuch ſhould be condemned for lightneſſe. O let not any envious eye diſinherit men of that which is their * *Portion in this life*, comfortably to enjoy the bleſsings thereof. Yet Gravity muſt prune though not root out our mirth.

* *Eccles* 7.18.

6 *Gratious deportment may ſometimes unjuſtly be accuſed of lightneſſe.* Had one ſeen David * dancing before the Ark, * Eliah in his praying-poſture when he put his head betwixt his legs, perchance he might have condemn'd them of unfitting behaviour. Had he ſeen * Peter and John poſting to Chriſts grave, * Rhodia running into the houſe, he would have thought they had left their Gravity behind them. But let none blame them for their ſpeed untill he knows what were their ſpurres, and what were the motives that urged them to make ſuch haſte. Theſe their actions were the true concluſions, following from ſome inward premiſſes in their own ſouls; and that may be a ſyllogiſme in grace, which appears a ſoleciſme in manners.

* 2. *Sam.* 6. 16.
* 1. *Kings* 18. 42.
* *John* 20. 14.
* *Acts* 12. 14

7 *In ſome perſons Gravity is moſt neceſſary.* Viz. in Magiſtrates and Miniſters. One * Palevizine an Italian Gentleman, and kinſman to Scaliger, had in one night all his haire chang'd from black to gray. Such an alteration ought there to be in the heads of every one that enters into Holy Orders, or Pub-

* *Scaliger de ſubtil. pag.* 18.

lick Office, metamorphos'd from all lightnesse to Gravity.

8 *God alone is the giver of true Gravity.* No man wants so much of any grace as he hath to spare; and a constant impression of Gods omnipresence is an excellent way to fix mens souls. Bishop Andrews ever placed the picture of* Mulcaster his Schoolmaster over the doore of his study (whereas in all the rest of his house you should scarce see a picture) as to be his Tutour and Supervisour. Let us constantly apprehend Gods being in presence, and this will fright us into staied behaviour.

* *Vid. in the funerall serm. on him, pag.* 18.

Chap. 22.

Of Marriage.

SOme men have too much decried Marriage, as if she the mother were scarce worthy to wait on Virginity her daughter, and as if it were an advancement for Marriage to be preferr'd before fornication, and praise enough for her to be adjudged lawfull. Give this holy estate her due, and then we shall find;

Maxime 1 *Though batchelours be the strongest stakes, married men are the best binders in the hedge of the Commonwealth.* 'Tis the Policy of the Londoners when they send a ship into the Levant or Mediterranean sea, to make every marriner therein a merchant, each seaman adventuring somewhat of his own, which will make him more wary to avoid, and more valiant to undergo dangers. Thus married men, especially if having posterity, are the deeper sharers in that state wherein they live, which engageth their affections to the greater loyalty.

2 *It is the worst clandestine marriage when God is not invited to it.* Wherefore beforehand beg his gratious assistance. Marriage shall prove no lottery to thee, when the hand

hand of providence chuſeth for thee, who, if drawing a blank, can turn it into a prize by ſanctifying a bad wife unto thee.

3 *Deceive not thy ſelf by overexpecting happineſſe in the married eſtate.* Look not therein for contentment greater then God will give, or a creature in this world can receive, namely to be free from all inconveniences. Marriage is not like the hill Olympus, ὅλος λαμπρὸς, *wholly clear*, without clouds; yea expect both wind and ſtorms ſometimes, which when blown over, the aire is the clearer, and wholſomer for it. Make account of certain cares and troubles which will attend thee. Remember the nightingales which ſing onely ſome moneths in the ſpring, but commonly are ſilent when they have hatch'd their egges, as if their mirth were turned into care for their young ones. Yet all the moleſtations of Marriage are abundantly recompenced with other comforts which God beſtoweth on them, who make a wiſe choice of a wife, and obſerve the following rules.

4 *Let Grace and Goodneſſe be the principall loadſtone of thy affections.* For love which hath ends will have an end, whereas that which is founded in true virtue will alwayes continue. Some hold it unhappy to be married with a diamond ring, perchance (if there be ſo much reaſon in their folly) becauſe the diamond hinders the roundneſſe of the ring, ending the infiniteneſſe thereof, and ſeems to preſage ſome termination in their love, which ought ever to endure, and ſo it will, when it is founded in religion.

5 *Neither chuſe all, nor not at all for Beauty.* A cried-up Beauty makes more for her own praiſe then her husbands profit. They tell us of a floting Iland in Scotland: but ſure no wiſe pilot will caſt anchor there, leſt the land ſwimme away with his ſhip. So are they ſerved (and juſtly enough) who onely faſten their love on fading Beauty, and both fail together.

6

Let there be no great disproportion in age. They that marry ancient people merely in expectation to bury them, hang themselves in hope that one will come and cut the halter. Nor is Gods ordinance but mans abusing thereof taxed in this homely expression, used by the Apostle himself. If Virginity enforced above the parties power be* termed by S. Paul 1. Cor. 7. 35. a *snare or halter*, marriage is no better when against ones will, for private respects.

*Οὐχ ἵνα βρόχον ὑμῖν ἐπιβάλω, 1. Cor. 7. 35.

7

Let wealth in its due distance be regarded. There be two towns in the land of Liege called Bovins and Dinant, the inhabitants whereof bear almost an incredible hatred one to another, and yet notwithstanding their children usually marry together; and the* reason is, because there is none other good town, or wealthy place near them. Thus parents for a little pelf often marry their children to those whose persons they hate; and thus union betwixt families is not made, but the breach rather widened the more.

*Phil. Com. lib. 2. cap. 1.

This shall serve for a Conclusion. A Batchelour was saying, *Next to no wife, a good wife is best. Nay*, said a Gentlewoman, *next to a good wife, no wife is the best.* I wish to all married people the outward happiness which* *Anno* 1605 happened to a couple in the city of Delph in Holland, living most lovingly together seventy five years in wedlock, till the man being one hundred and three, the woman ninety nine years of age, died within three houres each of other, and were buried in the same grave.

* Thuan. de obit. vir doct. in eod. Anno. pag. 385.

Chap. 23.
Of Fame.

FAme is the echo of actions, resounding them to the world, save that the echo repeats onely the last part, but Fame relates all and often more then all.

Maxime 1

Fame sometimes hath created something of nothing. She hath made whole countreys more then ever Nature did, especially near the Poles, and then hath peopled them likewise with inhabitants of her own invention, Pygmies, Giants, and Amazons: Yea Fame is sometimes like unto a kind of Mushrom, which * Pliny recounts to be the greatest miracle in nature, because growing and having no root, as Fame no ground of her reports.

* *In miraculis vel maximum est Tubera nasci & vivere sine ulla radice, Plin. Nat. Hist. lib.* 19. *cap.* 2.

2

Fame often makes a great deal of a little. Absalom kill'd one of Davids sonnes, and * Fame kill'd all the rest; and generally she magnifies and multiplies matters. Loud was that lie which that bell told hanging in a clock-house at Westminster, and usually rung at the Coronation and Funeralls of Princes, having this inscription about it,

* 2. *Sam.* 13. 30.

King Edward made me
thirty thousand and three,
Take me down and weigh me
and more shall you find me.

But when this bell was taken down at the doomsday of Abbeys, this and two more were found not to weigh * twenty thousand. Many relations of Fame are found to shrink accordingly.

* *Stowes survey of London, pag.* 528.

3

Some Fames are most difficult to trace home to their form: and those who have sought to track them, have gone rather in a circle then forward, and oftentimes through the doubling of reports have return'd back again where they began. Fame being a bastard or *filia populi*, 'tis very hard to find her father, and ofttimes she hath

hath rather all then any for her first Authours.

4 *Politicians sometimes raise Fames on purpose.* As that such things are done already, which they mean to do afterwards. By the light of those false fires they see into mens hearts, and these false rumours are true scouts to discover mens dispositions. Besides, the deed (though strange in it self) is done afterwards with the lesse noise, men having vented their wonder beforehand, and the strangenesse of the action is abated, because formerly made stale in report. But if the rumour startles men extremely, and draws with it dangerous consequences, then they can presently confute it, let their intentions fall and prosecute it no further.

5 *The Papall side of all Fame-merchants drive the most gainfull trade,* as that worthy * Knight hath given us an exact survey thereof. But long before them, strange was that plot of Stratocles, who gave it out that he had gotten a victory, and the constant report thereof continued three dayes, and then was confuted; and Stratocles being charged with abusing his people with a lie, *Why* (said * he) *are ye angry with me for making you passe three dayes in mirth and jollity more then otherwise you should?*

* *S. Edward Sandys view of the west Religions, pag. 100.*

* *Plutarchs* Πολίτικα παραγγέλματα.

6 *Incredible is the swiftnesse of Fame in carrying reports.* First she creeps thorow a village, then she goes thorow a town, then she runs thorow a city, then she flyes thorow a countrey, still the farther the faster. Yea Christ who made the dumbe speak, made not tell-tale Fame silent, though charging those he cured to hold their peace, * *but so much the more went there a Fame abroad of him.* Yea some things have been reported soon as ever they were done at impossible distance. The overthrow of Perseus was brought out of Macedon to Rome in * foure dayes. And in Domitians time a report was brought two thousand five hundred miles in one day. In which accidents,

* *Luke 5. 15.*

* *Livy. lib. 45. juxta princip.*

1 Fame takes post on some other advantage. Thus the

the overthrow of the Sabines was known at Rome *prius pene quam nunciari posſit*, by the means of the * arms of the Sabines drowned in the river of Tiber, and carried down by the tide to Rome. And thus *Anno* * 1568 the overthrow which the Spaniards gave the Dutch at the river of Ems was known at Grunning before any horſeman could reach thither, by the multitude of the Dutch caps which the river brought down into the city. But theſe conveiances are but ſlugs to make ſuch miraculous ſpeed: wherefore ſometimes reports are carried,

* *Livy, lib.* 1.

* *Famian. Strada de Bello Belgic. Lib.* 5. *pag.* 456.

2 By the miniſtration of Spirits. The devils are well at leiſure to play ſuch pranks, and may do it in a frolick. And yet they would ſcarce be the carriers except they were well payed for the portage, getting ſome profit thereby (doing of miſchief is all the profit they are capable of) and do harm to ſome by the ſuddenneſſe of thoſe reports. Or elſe

3 The Fame is antedated and raiſ'd before the fact, being related at gueſſe before 'twas acted. Thus ſome have been cauſleſſely commended for early riſing in the morning, who indeed came to their journeys end over night. If ſuch foremade reports prove true, they are admired and regiſtred; if falſe, neglected and forgotten: as thoſe onely which eſcaped ſhipwrack hung up *votivas tabulas*, tablets with their names in thoſe Haven-towns where they came aſhore. But as for thoſe who are drowned, their memorialls are drowned with them.

7 *Generall reports are ſeldome falſe. Vox populi vox Dei.* A body of that greatneſſe hath an eye of like clearneſſe, and it is impoſsible that a wanderer with a counterfeit paſſe ſhould paſſe undiſcovered.

8 *A fond Fame is beſt confuted by neglecting it.* By *Fond* underſtand

derstand such a report as is rather ridiculous then dangerous if believed. It is not worth the making a Schisme betwixt News-mongers to set up an antifame against it. Yea seriously and studiously to endeavour to confute it, will grace the rumour too much, and give suspicion that indeed there is some reality in it. What madnesse were it to plant a piece of ordinance to beat down an aspen leaf, which having alwayes the palsie, will at last fall down of it self. And Fame hath much of the scold in her; the best way to silence her is to be silent, and then at last she will be out of breath with blowing her own trumpet.

9 *Fame sometimes reports things lesse then they are.* Pardon her for offending herein, she is guilty so seldome. For one kingdome of Scotland, which (they say) Geographers describe an hundred miles too short, most Northern countreys are made too large. Fame generally overdoes, underdoes but in some particulars. The Italian proverb hath it, *There is lesse honesty, wisdome, and money in men then is counted on*: yet sometimes a close churl, who locks his coffers so fast Fame could never peep into them, dyeth richer then he was reported when alive. None could come near to feel his estate; it might therefore cut fatter in his purse, then was expected. But Fame falls most short in those Transcendents, which are above her Predicaments; as in * Solomons wisdome: *And behold one half was not told me: thy wisdome and prosperity exceedeth the Fame that I heard.* But chiefly in fore-reporting the Happinesse in heaven, which eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entred into the heart of man to conceive.

* 1 *Kings.* 10. 7.

Chap. 24.

Of the Antiquity of Churches and Necessity of them.

WE will consider their Antiquity amongst the Jews, Heathen, and Christians. Now Temples amongst the Jews were more or lesse ancient as the acception of the word is straiter or larger.

Maxime 1

Take Temple for a covered standing structure, and the Jews had none till the time of Solomon, which was from the beginning of the * world about two thousand nine hundred thirty two years: till then they had neither leave nor libertie to build a Temple. For the Patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, lived in Pilgrimage; their posterity in Egypt in persecution; their children in the Wilderneſse in constant travelling; their Succeſſours in Canaan in continuall warrefare, till the dayes of Solomon.

* *Vid. Chron. Helvici.*

2

Take Templum *for* tectum * amplum, *a large place covered to serve God therein, and the Tabernacle was a moveable Temple,* built by Moses in the wilderneſse about the yeare of the world two thousand foure hundred fiftie five. Yea we find Gods Spirit styling this Tabernacle a Temple, 1. Sam. 1. 9. *Ely the Priest sate upon a seat by a pillar of the Temple.* 1. Sam. 3. 3. *Before the lamp of the Lord went out in the Temple.* Such a portable Church Constantine * had carried about with him when he went to warre.

* *Isidorus lib. 15. cap. 14.*

* *Socrates lib. 1. cap. 14. & Sozomen. lib. 1. cap. 8.*

3

Gods children had places with Altars to serve God in before they had any Temples. Such Altars seem as ancient as Sacrifices, both which are twins; and in Relatives find one and find both. Indeed the first Altar we reade of in Scripture is that which Noah built after the Flood: But heare what a * Learned man saith thereof, *Non tamen existimandum toto illo tempore, quo ante diluvium pii homines*

* *Rivet. in Genes. pag. 275.*

Deo sacrificarunt Altarium usum fuisse incognitum. Potius id credendum, Noachum sequutum fuisse exemplum eorum, qui eum præcesserant, imo morem inolitum.

4 *The Jews besides the Temple had many other Synagogues*, serving instead of Chappells of ease to the mother Church at Jerusalem. In the new Testament (the Temple yet standing) 'tis plain that Christ often graced such Synagogues with his presence and preaching; and 'tis * probable they were in use ever since Josuahs time, when the land was first inhabited with Israelites, and that the Levites dispersed all over the land did teach the people therein: Otherwise Palestine was a great Parish, and some therein had an hundred miles to Church; besides, peoples souls were poorely fed having but three meals in a yeare, being but thrice to appear at Jerusalem.

* *Hospinian. de orig. Temp c.4.*

5 *Many Heathen Temples were ancienter then that of Solomons.* Amongst which Pagan Temples there is much justling for precedency, though some think that of Apis in Egypt shews the best evidence for her seniority, wherein was worshipped an Oxe, of whose herd (not to say breed) was the Calf which the Israelites worshipped in the wilderness, being made in imitation thereof. But the Heathen had this grosse conceit that their Gods were affixt to their Statues, as their Statues were confin'd in their Temples: So that in effect they did not so much build Temples for their Gods, as thereby lay Nets to catch them in, inviting them thither as into a Pallace, and then keeping them there as in a Prison.

6 *Most civilized Heathen Nations had Temples for their Gods.* I say, *Most*, for the Persians are said to have none at all. Perchance it was because they chiefly worshipped the Sunne, and then according to the generall opinion of fixing Deities to their Temples, it was in vain to erect any structure therein to restrain and keep his Ubiquitary beams. And yet that the Persians were wholly Temple-

Temple-leſſe will hardly be believed, ſeeing the Aſſyrians on this ſide (* Senacherib was killed worſhipping in the houſe of Niſroch his God) and the Indians on the other ſide of them had their Temples erected, as ſome will have it, by Bacchus their Dionyſius: yea we find a Temple in Perſia dedicated to * Nanea in the time of Antiochus, and though it may be pretended that the influence of the Grecian Empire on the Perſians had then ſpiced them with a ſmack of Greciſme, yet Nanea will ſcarce be proved any Grecian Deity: not to ſay any thing of the Temple of Bell. *Civilized*: for as for the Scythian wandring Nomades, Temples ſorted not with their condition, as wanting both civility and ſettledneſſe: and who can expect Churches from them, who had no houſes for themſelves? Laſtly I ſay, *Nation*: for the Stoicks onely, a conceited ſect, forbad any building of Temples, either out of deriſion of the common conceit that Deities were kept in durance in their Temples; or elſe out of humour, becauſe they counted the generall practice of other men a juſt ground for their contrary opinion. And now we come to the Antiquity of Chriſtian Churches, and crave leave of the Reader, that we may for a while diſſolve our continued diſcourſe into a dialogue.

* 2 *Kings* 19. 37.

* 2. *Maccabees* 1. 13. *vide etiam.* 1. *Maccab.* 6. 2.

A. I am much perplexed to find the beginning of Chriſtian Churches in the Scripture. There I find the Saints meeting *in the houſe of Marie the mother of Mark*; *in the School of Tyrannus*; *in an upper Chamber*; but can ſee no foundation of a Church, I mean of a place and ſtructure ſeparated and ſet apart ſolely for Divine Service.

B. That the Saints had afterwards Churches in your ſenſe is plain: 1. Cor. 11. 22. *Have ye not Houſes to eat and drink in, or deſpiſe ye the Church of God, and ſhame them that have not?* Here the oppoſition is a good expoſition of the Apoſtles meaning, and the Antitheſis betwixt *Houſes* and *Church*

ſpeaks them both to be locall; ſo that S. Paul thought their materiall Church *deſpiſed*, that is abuſed and unreverenc'd, by their lay-meetings of Love-feaſts therein.

A. By your favour, Sr, the Apoſtle by *Church* meaneth there the aſſembly or ſociety of Gods ſervants, as appears by what followeth, *or deſpiſe ye the Church of God, and ſhame them that have not?* *Them*, and not *that*, not ſpeaking of the Place but Perſons: The latter words of the Apoſtle comment on the former, ſhewing how to ſhame thoſe who had not (that is, to neglect and upbraid the poore) is *to deſpiſe the Church of God.*

B. Pardon me Sr: for the Apoſtle therein accuſeth the Corinthians of a ſecond fault. *Imprimis* he chargeth them for deſpiſing Gods materiall Church; *Item*, for ſhaming their poore brethren in their Love-feaſts. The particle *And* ſheweth the addition of a new charge, but no expounding or amplifying of the former. But, Sr, ſuſpending our judgements herein, let us deſcend to the Primitive times before Conſtantine, we ſhall there find Churches without any contradiction.

A. Not ſo neither: Herein alſo the trumpet of Antiquity giveth a very uncertain ſound: Indeed we have but little left of the ſtory of thoſe times wherein Chriſtian books were as much perſecuted as men, and but a few Confeſſour-records eſcaping martyrdome are come to our hands. Yea God may ſeem to have permitted the ſuppreſsion of primitive Hiſtory, leſt men ſhould be too ſtudious in reading, and obſervant in practiſing the cuſtomes of that age, even to the neglecting and undervaluing of his written Word.

B. Yet how ſlenderly ſoever thoſe Primitive times are

are ſtoried, there is enough in them to prove the Antiquity of Churches. I will not inſtance on the decrees of Evariſtus, Hyginus, and other Popes in the firſt three hundred years about the conſecrating of Churches, becauſe their authority is ſuſpected as antedated; and none are bound to believe that the Gibeonites came from ſo far a Countrey as their mouldy bread & clouted ſhoes did pretend. Churches are plainly to be found in Tertullian, two hundred years after Chriſt; and Euſebius * witneſſeth that before the time of Diocleſian the Chriſtians had Churches, which the Tyrant cauſed to be deſtroyed.

A. But * Origen, Minutius Felix, Arnobius, and Lactantius, being preſſ'd by the Heathen that Chriſtians had no Churches, anſwered by way of confeſsion, yielding that they had none. This is the difficulty perplexeth me. It was a bloody ſpeech of Abner, *Let the young men riſe up and play before us*: But worſe is their cruelty who make ſport at the falling out of the old men, when the reverend brows of Antiquity knock one againſt another, and Fathers thus extremely differ in matters of fact.

B. Why, Sr? A charitable diſtinction may reconcile them: if by *Churches*, ſtately magnificent Fabricks be meant, in that acception the Chriſtians had no Churches; but ſmall Oratories and Prayer-places they then had, though little, low and dark, being ſo fearfull of perſecution they were jealous the Sunne-beams ſhould behold them: and indeed ſtately Churches had but given a fairer aim to their Enemies malice to hit them. Such an homely place learned Sr Henrie Spelman * preſents us with, which was firſt founded at Glaſtenbury, thatched and wattled: And

* *Hiſt. Eccles. lib.* 8. *c.* 1, *&* 2.

* *Origen. lib.* 4. *contra Celſum*, Objicit nobis Celſus quod non habeamus Imagines aut Aras aut Templa. *Idem lib.* 8. *contra Celſum*, Celſus & Aras & Simulacra & Delubra ait nos diffugere quo minùs fundentur. *Arnobius lib.* 4 *contra Gen.* Accuſatis nos quòd nec Templa habeamus, nec Imagines nec Aras. *Minut. Felix pag.* 73. Putatis autem nos occultare quod colamus ſi Delubra et Aras non habemus. *Lactantius*, Quid ſibi Templa, quid Aræ volunt, quid denique ipſa Simulacra, &c.

* *De Conciliis Brittan. pag.* 11.

And let not our Churches now grown men look with a ſcornfull eye on their own picture, when babes in their ſwadling clothes. And no wonder if Gods Houſe

Erubuit domino cultior eſſe ſuo,

The Church did bluſh more glory for to have
Then had her Lord. He begg'd, ſhould ſhe be brave?

Chriſt himſelf being then cold, and hungry, and naked in his afflicted members. Such a mean Oratory Tertullian calls * *Triclinum Chriſtianorum*, the Parlour or Three-bed-room of the Chriſtians.

* *Adverſus Gentes, cap. 3.*

A. But it ſeems not to conſiſt with Chriſtian ingenuity for the fore-named Fathers abſolutely to deny their having of Churches, becauſe they had onely poore ones.

B. Take then another Anſwer, namely in denying they had no Temples, they meant it in the ſame notion wherein they were interrogated, to wit, they had no Templeslike the Pagans for Heathen Gods, no *claustra Numinum*, wherein the Deity they ſerved was impriſoned. Or may we not ſay that in that age the Chriſtians had no Churches generally, though they might have them in ſome places? the elevation of their happineſſe being varied according to ſeverall climates: And Chriſtendome then being of ſo large an extent, it might be ſtormy with perſecution in one countrey, and fair weather in another. We come now to the Neceſsity.

7 *There is no abſolute neceſsity that Chriſtians ſhould have Churches.* No neceſsity at all in reſpect of God, no abſolute neceſsity in reſpect of men, when perſecution hinders the erecting of them: In ſuch a caſe any place is made a Church for the time being, as any private houſe where the King and his Retinue meet is preſently made the Court.

Chriſtians

8

Christians have no direct precept to build Churches under the Gospel. I say *direct*: For the Law of God, which commands a publick Sanctification of a Sabbath, must needs, by * way of necessary consequence, imply a set, known, and publick Place. Besides, Gods command to Moses and Solomon to build a Temple in a manner obligeth us to build Churches. In which command observe the body and the soul thereof. The body thereof was Ceremoniall and mortall, yea dyed, and is buried in our Saviours grave: The soul thereof is Morall and eternall, as founded in Nature, and is alwayes to endure. Thus S. Paul finds a constant bank for Ministers Maintenance lockt up in a Ceremoniall Law, *Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the Ox that treadeth out the corn.* The Apostle on the Morality couched therein founded the *Charter of endowment* for Ministers in the Gospel. Besides, God hath left a warrant dormant with his Church, *Let all things be done decently and in order.* And this ties Christians to the building of Churches for their publick Assemblies, whereby not onely Decency but Piety is so much advanced, especially in these three respects:

* Ut communes fidelibus preces Deus verbo suo edicit, sic & Templa publica ipsis peragendis destinata esse oportet, *Calvin. instit. lib. 3. cap. 20. num. 30.*

1 Hereby the same meat serves to feed many guests, one Pastour instructing many people in the same place.

2 Devotion is increased with company. Their praises are the louder; and musick is sweetest in a full consort: their prayers are the stronger, besetting God as it were in a round, and not suffering him to depart till he hath blessed them.* *Hec vis grata deo.*

*Tertull. Apol.

3 The very Place it self, being dedicated to Gods service, is a Monitour to them *Hoc agere*, & stirres up pious thoughts in them. Say not, it is but lame Devotion that cannot mount without the help of such a wooden stock; rather 'tis lame indeed which is not raised though having the advantage thereof.

9 *Those that may, must frequent the publick Churches.* Such as nowadayes are ambitious of conventicles are deeply guilty: for as it had been desperate madnesse in time of persecution publickly to resort to Divine Service, so it is no lesse unthankfulnesse to God now to serve him in woods and holes, not taking notice of the liberty of the Gospel, which he gratiously hath vouchsafed; yea such people in effect deny the King to be Defender of the Faith, but make him a Persecuter rather, in that they dare not avouch the truth in the face of his Authority. If it be good they do (thanks be to God) it may be done any where; if bad, it must be done no where. Besides, by their voluntary private meetings, they give occasions to many to supect their actions there: And grant them unjustly traduced for their behaviour therein, yet can they not justly be excused, because they invite slaunderous tongues to censure them, in not *providing for honest things in the sight of men*, and clearing Gods service as well from the suspicion as from the guilt of any dishonesty.

We should now come to speak of the Holinesse, Reverence, Decency, and Magnificencie of Churches: But herein I had rather heare the judgements of other men. Let it serve instead of a conclusion to observe that Solomons Temple was the statelyest structure that ever was or shall be in the world; built by the wealthyest, contrived by the wisest King in seven years (now counted the life of a man) by an army of Workmen, no fewer then * one hundred fourtie three thousand three hundred, of the soundest timber, most pretious stones, most proper metall, as the nature of the things required; either the strongest, Brasse; or the richest, Gold: In a word, Earth gave it most costly matter, and Heaven it self most curious workmanship, God directing them. And though Solomon had no mines of Gold and Silver in his own land, yet had he the spoils and gifts of the neighbouring nations, and

* 1. Kings 5. 15, 16.

once

once in three years the golden land of Ophir came swimming to Hierusalem. God being the Landlord of the earth, Solomon was then his Receiver, to whom the World payed in her rent, to build his Temple. And was not he a most wealthy King, *in whose dayes silver was nothing accounted of*; seeing in our dayes the commander of both Indyes hath so much brasse coin currant in his Court? As for Josephus his conceit, that the second edition of the Temple by Zorobabel, as it was new forrelled and filleted with gold by Herod, was a statelier volume then that first of Solomon, it is too weak a surmise to have a confutation fastned to it.

And yet we will not deny but the world hath seen greater buildings for the Piles and Fabricks, as may appear by this parrallel.

1	2	3
Gods Temple, built at *Hierusalem by Solomon.*	*Diana's Temple*, built at *Ephesus by the Kings of Asia.*	*Sepulcher Church*, built on *Mount Calvary by Constantine.*
Long 60 } [a] Broad 20 } cubits. High 30 }	Long 425 } [b] Broad 220 } foot. High 60 }	Long } [c] We find no set Broad } dimension but hy- High } perbolicall expressions of it.
4	5	6
S. Sophia's Church, built at *Constantinople by Justinian.*	*S. Pauls Church*, built at *London by King Ethelbert.*	*Turkish Mosque*, built at *Fez.*
Long 260 } [d] Broad 75 } foot. High 180 }	Long 690 } [e] Broad 130 } foot. High 102 }	Long 150 } [f] Broad 80 } Florentine High } Cubits.

[a] 2. *Chron.* 3. 3.
[b] *Plin. nat. Hist. lib.* 36. *cap.* 14.
[c] *Eusebius lib.* 3. *de vit. Constantini, c.* 24. τὸ μὲν ὕψος οὐκ ἔστιν ἀπαγγεῖλαι· πλάτος δὲ καὶ μῆκος εὐμυθόρμητον.
[d] *Evagrius lib.* 4. *cap.* 30.
[e] *Namely in the body of the Church besides the steeple, Cambd. Britt. in Middlesex.*
[f] *The height we find not, but it is a mile and half in compasse, Leo Africanus, lib.* 3. *pag.* 126.

But when the Reader hath with his eyes surveyed these Temples, and findeth them to exceed Solomons, yet let him remember, first, that there is nothing more uncertain then the measures used in severall countreys; one countreys span may be another countreys cubit,

and the toe of one countrey as big as the foot of another: secondly, that in Solomons Temple great Cubits were meant *Primæ mensuræ*, 2. Chron. 3. 3. thirdly, that we see most of these structures onely through the magnifying glasse of Fame, or else by the eyes of Travellers, who usually count the best they ever saw to be the best was ever seen, yea in charity will lend a Church some hundreds of feet to help out the dimension thereof, as Bellonius a modern eye-witnesse counteth * three hundred sixtie five doores in the present Church of Sophia, which hath but foure, as an exact * Traveller hath observed. Lastly, whilest humane Historians will overlash for the honour of their own Nations, we know it must needs be true what Truth hath written of Solomons Temple.

* *Lib. 1. observ. cap. 76.*

* *G. Sandys Travells, pag. 32.*

Chap. 25.

Of Ministers maintenance.

Maintenance of Ministers ought to be Plentifull Certain, and in some sort Proportionable to their deserts. It should be Plentifull, because

Maxime 1 *Their education was very chargeable to fit them for their profession*, both at School, and in the University: their books very dear; and those which they bought in Folio shrink quickly into Quarto's, in respect of the price their executours can get for them. Say not that Scholars draw needlesse expences on themselves by their own lavishnesse, and that they should rather lead a Fashion of thrift, then follow one of riot; for let any equall man tax the bill of their necessary charges, and it amounts to a great Summe, yea though they be never so good husbands. Besides, the prizes of all commodities daily rise higher; all persons and professions are raised in their manner of living: Scholars therefore, even against their wills, must otherwhiles be involved in the generall expensivenesse of the times, it being impossible

possible that one spoke should stand still when all the wheel turns about.

Ob. But many needlessely charge themselves in living too long in the University, sucking so long of their Mother, they are never a whit the wiser for it; whilest others not staying there so long, nor going through the porch of humane Arts, but entring into Divinity at the postern, have made good Preachers, providing their people wholsome meat, though not so finely dreſt.

Answ. Much good may it do their very hearts that feed on it. But how necessary a competent knowledge of those Sciences is for a perfect Divine, is known to every wise man. Let not mens suffering be counted their fault, nor those accused to *stand idle in the market whom no man hath hired.* Many would leave the University sooner, if called into the countrey on tolerable conditions.

2 *Because Ministers are to subsist in a free, liberal, & comfortable way.* Balaam the false Prophet rode with his * two men; Gods Levite had * one man: Oh let not the Ministers of the Gospel be slaves to others, and servants to themselves! They are not to prie into gain through every small chink. It becomes them rather to be acquainted with the natures of things, then with the prizes, and to know them rather as they are in the world then as they are in the market. Otherwise, if his means be small, and living poore, necessity will bolt him out of his own study, and send him to the barn, when he should be at his book, or make him study his Easter-book more then all other Writers. Hereupon some wanting what they should have at home, have done what they should not abroad.

* *Numb.* 22. 22.

* *Judges.* 19. 11.

3 *Because Hospitality is expected at their hands.* The poore come to their houses, as if they had interest in them, and the Ministers can neither receive them nor refuse them.

them. Not to relieve them, were not Christianity, and to relieve them, were worse then Infidelity, because therein they wrong their providing for their own family. Thus sometimes are they forced to be Nabals against their will; yet it greiveth them to send away the people empty. But what shall they do, seeing they cannot multiply their loaves and their fishes? Besides, Clergie-men are deeply rated to all payments. Oh that their profession were but as highly prized, as their estate is valued.

4 *Because they are to provide for their Posterity*, that after the death of their parents they may live, though not in an high, yet in an honest fashion, neither leaving them to the wide world, nor to a narrow cottage.

5 *Because the Levites in the Old Testament had plentifull provision.* Oh 'tis good to be Gods Pensioner, for he giveth his large allowance. They had Cities and Suburbs (houses and glebeland) Tithes, Freewill-offerings, and their parts in First-fruits, and Sacrifices. Do the Ministers of the Gospel deserve worse wages for bringing better tidings? Besides, the Levites places were hereditary, and the Sonne sure of his Fathers house and land without a Faculty *ad succedendum patri.*

6 *Because the Papists in time of Popery gave their Priests plentifull means.* Whose Benefactours, so bountifull to them, may serve to condemne the covetousnesse of our age towards Gods Ministers, in such who have more knowledge, and should have more religion.

Ob. But the great means of the Clergie in time of Popery was rather wrested then given. The Priests melted mens hearts into charity with the Scarefire of Purgatory: And for justice now to give back what holy fraud had gotten away, is not Sacriledge but Restitution. And when those grand and vast Donations were given to the Church,

Church, there was (as ſome ſay) a voyce of Angels heard from heaven, ſaying, *Hodie venenum in Eccleſiam Chriſti cecidit.*

Anſw. If poyſon then fell into the Church, ſince hath there a ſtrong antidote been given to expell it, eſpecially in Impropriations. Diſtinguiſh we betwixt ſuch Donations given to uſes in themſelves merely unlawfull and ſuperſtitious, as Praying for the dead, and the like; and thoſe which *in Genere* were given to Gods Service, though *in Specie* ſome ſuperſtitious end were annexed thereto. And grant the former of theſe to be void in their very granting, yet the latter ought to be rectified and reduced to the true uſe, and in no caſe to be alienated from God. Plato ſaith that in his time it was a Proverb amongſt Children, Τῶν ὀρθῶς δοθέντων ἐκ ἔστιν ἀφαίρεσις, *Things that are truly given muſt not be taken away again.* Sure, as our Saviour ſet a child in the midſt of his Diſciples to teach them humility, ſo nowadayes a child need be ſet in the midſt of ſome men to teach them juſtice. Excellently * Luther, *Niſi ſupereſſet ſpolium Aegypti, quod rapuimus Papæ, omnibus Miniſtris Verbi fame pereundum eſſet; quod ſi ſuſtentandi eſſent de contributione populi, miſere profecto ac duriter viverent. Alimur ergo de ſpoliis Aegypti collectis ſub Papatu, & hoc ipſum tamen quod reliquum eſt diripitur à Magiſtratu: ſpoliantur Parochiæ & Scholæ, non aliter ac ſi fame necare nos velint.*

* *In his Comment on the 47. of Geneſ. pag. 631.*

Ob. But in the pure Primitive times the Means were leaſt, and Miniſters the beſt: And nowadayes, does not wealth make them lazy, and poverty keep them painfull? like Hawks they flie beſt when ſharp. The beſt way to keep the ſtream of the Clergie ſweet and clear is to fence out the tide of wealth from coming unto them.

Anſw.

Answ. Is this our thankfulnesse to the God of heaven, for turning persecution into peace, in pinching his poore Ministers? When the Commonwealth now makes a feast, shall neither Zadok the Priest, nor Nathan the Prophet, be invited to it? that so the footsteps of Primitive persecution may still remain in these peaceable times, amongst the Papists, in their needlesse burning of candles; and amongst the Protestants, in the poore means of their Ministers. And what if some turn the spurres unto Virtue into the stirrups of Pride, grow idle, and insolent? let them soundly suffer for it themselves on Gods blessing; but let not the bees be sterved that the drones may be punished.

7 *Ministers Maintenance ought to be certain*; lest some of them meet with Labans for their Patrons and parishioners; changing their wages ten times; and at last, if the fear of God doth not fright the, send them awayempty.

8 *It is unequall that there should be an equality betwixt all Ministers Maintenance.* Except that first there were made an equality betwixt all their Parts, Pains, and Piety. Parity in means will quickly bring a levell and flat in Learning; and few will strive to be such spirituall Musicians, to whom David directeth many Psalms, *To him that excelleth*, but will even content themselves with a Canonicall sufficiency, and desiring no more then what the Law requires: More learning would be of more pains, and the same profit, seeing the *mediocriter* goeth abreast with *optime*.

Ob. But neither the best, nor the most painfull and learned get the best preferment. Sometimes men of the least, get Livings of the best worth; yea such as are not worthy to be the curates to their curates, and *crassa Ingenia* go away with *opima Sacerdotia*.

Answ. Thus it ever was, and will be. But is this dust onely to be found in Churches, and not in Civill

Civill Courts? Is merit everywhere elſe made the exact ſquare of preferment? or did ever any urge, that all Offices ſhould be made champian for their profits, none higher then other? ſuch corruption will ever be in the Church, except there were a Law (ridiculous to be made, and impoſsible to be kept) that men ſhould be no men, but that all Patrons or people in their Election or Preſentations of Miniſters ſhould wholly deveſt themſelves of by-reſpects of kinred, friendſhip, profit, affection, and merely chuſe for deſert: and then ſhould we have all things ſo well ordered, ſuch Paſtours and ſuch people, the Church in a manner would be Triumphant, whileſt Militant. Till then, though the beſt livings light not alwayes on the ableſt men, yet as long as there be ſuch preferments in the Church, there are ſtill encouragements for men to endeavour to excell, all hoping, and ſome hapning on advancement.

Ob. But Miniſters ought to ſerve God merely for love of himſelf; and pity but his eyes were out that ſquints at his own ends in doing Gods work.

Anſw. Then ſhould Gods beſt Saints be blind; for Moſes himſelf had *an eye to the recompence of reward.* Yea Miniſters may look not onely on their eternall but on their temporall reward, as motives to quicken their endeavours. And though it be true, that grave and pious men do ſtudy for learning ſake, and embrace virtue for it ſelf, yet it is as true that youth (which is the ſeaſon when learning is gotten) is not without ambition, nor will ever take pains to excell in any thing, when there is not ſome hope of excelling others in reward and dignity. And what reaſon is it that whileſt Law and Phyſick bring great portions to ſuch as

marry them, Divinity their elder ſiſter ſhould onely be put off with her own beauty? In after-ages men will rather bind their ſonnes to one gainfull, then to ſeven liberall Sciences: onely the loweſt of the people would be made Miniſters, which cannot otherwiſe ſubſiſt; and it will be bad when Gods Church is made a Sanctuary onely for men of deſperate eſtates to take refuge in it.

However, let every Miniſter take up this reſolution, *To preach the Word, to be inſtant in ſeaſon, out of ſeaſon, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-ſuffering and doctrine.* If thou haſt competent means comfortably to ſubſiſt on, be the more thankfull to God the fountain, to man the channell; painfull in thy place, pitifull to the poore, cheerfull in ſpending ſome, carefull in keeping the reſt. If not, yet tire not for want of a ſpurre: do ſomething for love, and not all for money; for love of God, of goodneſſe, of the godly, of a good conſcience. Know 't is better to want means, then to detain them; the one onely ſuffers, the other deeply ſinnes: and it is as dangerous a perſecution to religion, to draw the fewell from it, as to caſt water on it. Comfort thy ſelf that another world will pay this worlds debts, *and great is thy reward with God in heaven.* A reward, in reſpect of his promiſe; a gift, in reſpect of thy worthleſneſſe: And yet the leſſe thou lookeſt at it, the ſurer thou ſhalt find it, if labouring with thy ſelf to ſerve God for himſelf, in reſpect of whom even heaven it ſelf is but a ſiniſter end.

To

To the Reader.

THese Generall Rules we have placed in the middle, that the Books on both sides may equally reach to them; because all Persons therein are indifferently concerned. John Angier

The Holy State.

THE FOURTH BOOK.

CHAP. I.
The Favourite.

A Favourite is a Court-diall, whereon all look whileſt the King ſhines on him, and none, when it is night with him. A Minion differs from a Favourite: for He acts things by his own will and appetite, as a Favourite by the judgement and pleaſure of his Prince. Theſe again are twofold: either ſuch as relie wholly on their Kings favour, or ſuch as the King partly relies on their wiſdome, loving them rather for uſe then affection. The former are like pretty wands in a Princes hand, for him to play with at pleaſure; the latter, like ſtaves, whereon he leans and ſupports himſelf in State-affairs.

Maxime 1

God is the originall Patron of all preferment, all dignities being in his diſpoſall. Promotion (* ſaith David) *comes neither from the Eaſt, nor from the Weſt, nor yet from the South.* The word here tranſlated *South*, in the Hebrew ſignifies the Deſert; and ſuch a courſe liſt bounded Paleſtine both on the South and * North, ſo that in effect preferment bloweth from no point of the Compaſſe. True, every man is, *fortunæ ſuæ faber*, the Smith to beat out his own

* *Pſal.* 75. 7.

* *Tremellius on the verſe.*

fortunes; but God first doth give him coals, iron, and anvil before he can set up his trade.

2 *The first inlet into a Princes knowledge is half way into his favour.* Indeed the heat of the sunne pierceth into the innermost bowells of the earth, but onely the surface thereof is guilded with his beams: So though the influence of the Princes protection reacheth the utmost and obscurest man in his dominions, yet onely some few, who lie on the top of the heap of his subjects, can be graced with his favour. He therefore that is known to his Prince, starts in the half way of his race to honour. A notable fellow, and a souldier to Alexander, finding this first admission to be the greatest difficulty, put feathers into his nose and eares, and danced about the Court in an antique fashion, till the strangenesse of the Shew brought the King himself to be a spectatour. Then this Mimick throwing off his disguize, *S^r* (said he to the King) *thus I first arrive at your Majesties notice in the fashion of a fool, but can do you service in the place of a wise-man, if you please to employ me.*

3 *'Tis the easier for them to leap into preferment, who have the rise of noble bloud*: such get their honour with more ease, and keep it with lesse envie, which is busiest in maligning of upstarts. Nor is it any hinderance unto him, but rather an advantage, if such a Nobleman be of an ancient family, decayed in estate through the fault of his Ancestours; for such, Princes count the object as well of their pity as favour, and it an act as well of charity as bounty to relieve and raise them: But those are in some sort born Favourites, and succeed by descent to a Princes affection (rather as a debt then a gift) whose parents have formerly suffered in the Princes or his predecessours behalf. This made Queen Elizabeth first reflect on the Lord Norris, (for in the peaceable beginning of her reigne the Martiall spirits of his sonne were not yet raised) because his father dyed her mothers Martyr, to attest her innocencie in the reigne of King Henry the eighth. *Severall*

4 *Severall doores open to preferment, but the King keeps the key of them all.* Some have been advanced for their Faces, their Beauty; their Heads, their Wisdome; their Tongues, their Eloquence; their Hands, their Valour; their Bloud, their Nobility; their Feet, their Nimblenesse, and Comlinesse in dancing; but all is ultimately resolv'd on the Princes pleasure.

5 *Happy the Favourite that is raised without the ruine of another*: as those which succeed in a dead place, who draw lesse envy of competitours, in keeping others out of the Kings favour, then those that cast one out of the possession thereof. Also he that climbeth up by degrees stands more firmly in favour, as making his footing good as he goes.

6 *Sometimes the Princes favour is all the known worth in the Favourite.* I say, *known*: for he is an Infidel that believes not more then he sees, and that a rationall Prince will love where he sees no lovelinesse. Surely Charles the ninth of France beheld some worth in Albertus Tudius (an Huckſters sonne, to whom in five years, besides other honours, he gave six hundred thousand crowns) though some affirm all the good the King got by him, was to learn to * swear by the Name of God. Except we will say, that Kings desire in some to shew as the absoluteness of their power, to raise them from nothing, so of their will also, to advance them for nothing. But Princes have their grounds reard above the flats of common men, and who will search the reasons of their actions must stand on an equall basis with them.

* *Camerarius, med. Hist. cap. 4.*

7 *Some Kings to make a jest have advanced a man in earnest.* When amongst many Articles exhibited to King Henrie the seventh by the Irish against the Earl of Kildare, the last was, * *Finally, all Ireland cannot rule this Earl. Then* (quoth the King) *shall this Earl rule all Ireland*; and made him Deputie thereof. But such accidents are miraculous; and he shall sterve that will not eat till such Manna is dropt into his mouth.

* *Camb. Rem. pag. 271.*

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8 *But by what lawfull means ſoever he hath gotten his advancement, he ſtandeth but in a ſlippery place*; and therefore needs conſtantly to wear ice-ſpurres, for he rather glides then goes, and is in continuall fear to be cruſh'd from above by his Princes anger, and undermin'd from beneath by his fellow-ſubjects envie. Againſt both which ſee how he fenceth himſelf.

9 *He prayſeth God for preferring him, and prayeth to him to preſerve him.* His Greatneſſe muſt needs fall which is not founded in Goodneſſe. Firſt he ſerveth his God in heaven, and then his Maſter on earth. The beſt way to pleaſe all, or to diſpleaſe them with leaſt danger, is to pleaſe him who is all in all.

10 *Next he ſtudieth the alphabet of his Princes diſpoſition*: whoſe inclination when found out is half fitted. Then he applyes himſelf to pleaſe his naturall, though not vitious, humours, never preferring himſelf before his Prince in any thing, wherein he deſires or conceiveth himſelf to excell. Nero, though indeed but a Fidler, counted himſelf as well Emperour of Muſick as of Rome; and his Followers too groſſely did ſooth him up in the admiration of his skill in that Art. But the moſt temperate Princes love to taſte the ſweetneſſe of their own praiſes (if not overluſcious with flattery) where their own deſerts lay the groundwork, and their Favourites give the varniſh to their commendations.

11 *Bluntneſſe of ſpeech hath becom'd ſome, and made them more acceptable*: Yea this hath been counted Freeheartedneſſe, in Courtiers; Conſcience and Chriſtian ſimplicity, in Clergiemen; Valour, in Souldiers. *I love thee the better* (ſaid Queen Elizabeth to Archbiſhop Grindall) *becauſe you live unmarried. And I, Madam,* (replyed Grindall) *becauſe you live unmarried love you the worſe.* But thoſe, who make muſick with ſo harſh an inſtrument, need have their bow well roſend before, and to obſerve Time and Place, leſt that gall which would tickle at other times.

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12 *He leaveth his Prince alwayes with an appetite, and never gluts him with his company.* Sometimes taking occaſion to depart, whileſt ſtill his ſtaying might be welcome. Such intermiſsions render him more gratious; yet he abſents himſelf neither farre, nor long, leſt he might ſeem to neglect. Though he doth not alwayes ſpurre up cloſe to the Kings ſide (to be conſtantly in his preſence) he never lagges ſo farre behind, as to be out of diſtance. Long abſence hath drawn the curtain betwixt a Favourite and his Sovereigne, and thereby hath made room for others to ſtep in betwixt them.

13 *He doth not boldly engroſſe and limit his Maſters favour to himſelf.* He is willing his Prince ſhould ſhine beſide him, but eſpecially thorow him, on others. Too covetous are they who, not content to be ſole heirs to their Princes favour, grudge that any penſions ſhould be allotted to their younger brethren. Why ſhould it not as well be Treaſon to confine a Princes affection, as to impriſon his perſon?

14 *He makes provident yet moderate uſe of his Maſters favour.* Eſpecially if he be of a various nature, and loveth exchange, counting it not to ſtand with the ſtate of a King to wear a Favourite thredbare. Too blame they, who thinking it will be continuall ſummer with them (as in the countrey under the Æquator) will not ſo much as froſtnip their ſouls with a cold thought of want hereafter, and provide neither to oblige others, nor to maintain themſelves: As bad they on the other ſide, who like thoſe who have a leaſe, without impeachment of waſte, ſpeedily to expire, whip and ſtrip, and rap and rend, whatſoever can come to their fingers.

15 *He makes his eſtate inviſible by purchaſing reverſions, and in remote countreys.* He hath a moderate eſtate in open view, that the world may ſettle their looks on't (for if they ſee nothing they will ſuſpect the more) and the reſt farre off and hereafter. The eyes of envy can never be-

witch that which it doth not see. These Reversions will be ripe for his heir, by that time his heir shall be ripe for them, and the money of distracted revennues will meet entirely in one purse.

16 *Having attained to a competent height, he had rather grow a buttresse broader, then a storie higher.* He fortifieth himself by raising outworks, and twisting himself by intermarriages of his kinred into noble Families: his Countenance will give all his Kinswomen beauty. Some Favourites, whose heels have been tript up by their adversaries, have with their hands held on their Allies, till they could recover their feet again.

17 *He makes not Great men dance envidious attendance to speak with him.* Oh whilest their heels cool how do their hearts burn? Wherefore in the midst of the Term of his businesse he makes himself a vacation to speak with them. Indeed some difficulty of accesse and conference begets a reverence towards them in common people (who will suspect the ware not good if cheap to come by) and therefore he values himself in making them to wait: Yet he loves not to over-linger any in an afflicting hope, but speedily dispatcheth the fears or desires of his expecting Clients.

18 *He loveth a good name, but will not wooe or court it otherwise, then as it is an attendant on honesty and virtue.* But chiefly he avoydeth the sweet poyson of Popularity, wherewith some have swollen till they have broken. Especially, he declines the entertainment of many Martialists, the harsh counsell of souldiers being commonly untunable to the Court-way. The immoderate resorting of military men to a Favourite (chiefly if by any palliation he pretends to the Crown) is like the flocking of so many ravens and vulturs which foretell his funerall.

19 *He preserves all inferiour Officers in the full rights and priviledges of their places.* Some are so boysterous, no severals will hold them, but lay all Offices common to their

their power, or elſe are ſo buſie, that making many circles in other mens profeſsions, they raiſe up ill ſpirits in them, and for every finger they needleſſely thruſt into other mens matters, ſhall find an hand againſt them, when occaſion ſhall ſerve. As bad are they, who leaping over meaner perſons to whom the buſineſſe is proper, bring it *per ſaltum* to themſelves, not ſuffering matters to run along in a legall channell, but in a by-ditch of their own cutting, ſo drawing the profit to themſelves, which they drein from others.

20 *If accuſed by his adverſaries, he flies with ſpeed to his Princes perſon.* No better covert for a hunted Favourite to take to: where if innocent, with his loyall breath he eaſily diſpels all vapours of ill ſuggeſtions; if guilty, yet he is half acquitted, becauſe judged by the Prince himſelf, whoſe compaſsion he moves by an ingenuous confeſsion. But if this Sanctuary-doore be bolted againſt him, then his ruine is portended, and not long after.

21 *He is a fiſh on the dry ſhore when the tide of his Maſters love hath left him*; ſo that if he be not the more wiſe, he will be made a prey to the next that finds him. Severall are the cauſes of Favourites falls, proceeding either from the Kings pleaſure, their enemies malice, or their own default: different the degrees and manner of their ruine: ſome when grown too great are ſhifted under honourable colours of employment into a forrein aire, there to purge and leſſen; others receive their condemnation at home. But how bad ſoever his caſt be, ſee how he betters it by good playing it.

22 *He ſubmits himſelf, without conteſting, to the pleaſure of his Prince.* For being a Tenant at will to the favour of his Sovereigne, it is vain to ſtrive to keep violent poſſeſsion when his Landlord will out him. Such ſtruggling makes the hook of his enemies malice ſtrike the deeper into him. And whileſt his adverſaries ſpurre him with injuries on purpoſe to make him ſpring out into

rebellious practices, he reins in his passions with the stronger patience.

23 *If he must down, he seeks to fall easily, and if possible, to light on his legs.* If stript out of his robes, he strives to keep his clothes; loosing his honour, yet to hold his lands, if not them, his life; and thanks his Prince for giving him whatsoever he takes not away from him.

To conclude, A Favourite is a trade, whereof he that breaks once seldome sets up again. Rare are the examples of those who have compounded and thrived well afterwards. Mean men are like underwood, which the Law calls *sylva cædua, quæ* * *succisa renascitur*, being cut down it may spring again, but Favourites are like okes, which scarce thrive after (to make timber) being lopt, but if once cut down never grow more. If we light on any who have flourished the second time, impute it to their Princes pleasure to crosse the common observation, and to shew that nothing is past cure with so great a chirurgion, who can even set a broken Favourite.

* *Lynwood lib. 3. cap.* Quanquam exsolventibus.

Now to shew the inconstancie of Greatnesse not supported with virtue, we will first insist in a remarkable pattern in holy Scripture. Next will we produce a parallel of two Favourites in our English Court, living in the same time, and height of honour with their Sovereigne, the one through his vitiousnesse ending in misery, the other by his virtuous demeanour shining bright to his death: for I count it a wrong to our Countrey to import presidents out of forrein Histories, when our home-Chronicles afford us as plentifull and proper examples.

CHAP. 2.

Chap. 2.
The life of Haman.

HAman the ſonne of Amedatha, of the kinred of Agag, and people of Amalek, was highly favoured by Ahaſuerus Emperour of Perſia. I find not what pretious properties he had, ſure he was a pearl in the eye of Ahaſuerus, who commanded all his ſubjects to do lowly reverence unto him: onely Mordecai the Jew excepted himſelf from that rule, denying him the payment of ſo humble an obſervance.

I fathome not the depth of Mordecai's refuſall: perchance Haman interpreted this reverence farther then it was intended, as a divine honour, and therefore Mordecai would not blow wind into ſo empty a bladder, and be acceſſary to puff him up with ſelf-conceit; or becauſe Amalek was the devils firſt-fruits, which firſt brake the peace with Iſrael, and God commanded an antipathy againſt them; or he had ſome private countermand from God not to reverence him. What ever it was, I had rather accuſe my ſelf of ignorance, then Mordecai of pride.

Haman ſwells at this neglect. Will not his knees bow? his neck ſhall break with an halter. But oh, this was but poore and private revenge: one lark will not fill the belly of ſuch a vultur. What if Mordecai will not ſtoop to Haman, muſt Haman ſtoop to Mordecai to be revenged of him alone? wherefore he plotteth with the Kings ſword to cut off the whole Nation of the Jews.

Repairing to Ahaſuerus, he requeſted that all the Jews might be deſtroyed. He backs his petition with three arguments: firſt, It was a ſcattered Nation; had they inhabited one entire countrey, their extirpation would have weakned his empire, but being diſperſed, though kill'd every where, they would have been miſ-

sed no where; secondly, his Empire would be more uniform when this irregular people, not observing his Laws, were taken away; thirdly, ten thousand talents Haman would pay into the bargain into the Kings Treasure.

What, out of his own purse? I see his pride was above his covetousnesse; and spightfull men count their revenge a purchase which cannot be overbought: or perchance this money should arise out of the confiscation of their goods. Thus Ahasuerus should lock all the Jews into his cheſt, and by help of Hamans Chymistry convert them into silver.

See how this grand destroyer of a whole Nation pleads the Kings profit. Thus our punie depopulatours alledge for their doings the Kings and countreys good; and we will believe them, when they can perswade us that their private coffers are the Kings exchequer. But never any wounded the Commonwealth, but first they kiss'd it, pretending the publick good.

Hamans silver is drosse with Ahasuerus: onely his pleasure is currant with him. If Haman will have it so, so it shall freely be; he will give him and not sell him his favour. 'Tis wofull when great Judges see parties accused by other mens eyes, but condemne them by their own mouthes: and now Posts were sent thorow out all Persia to execute the Kings cruell decree.

I had almost forgotten how before this time Mordecai had discovered the treason, which two of the Kings Chamberlains had plotted against him; which good service of his, though not presently paid, yet was scored up in the Chronicles, not rewarded but recorded, where it slept till a due occasion did awake it. Perchance Hamans envy kept it from the Kings knowledge; and Princes sometimes to reward the desert of men want not mind, but minding of it

To proceed: See the Jews all pitifully pensive, and fasting

fasting in sackcloth and ashes, even to Queen Esther her self, which (unknown to Haman) was one of that nation. And to be brief, Esther invites Ahasuerus and Haman to a banquet (whose life shall pay the reckoning) and next day they are both invited to a second entertainment.

Mean time Haman provides a gallows of fifty cubits high to hang Mordecai on. Five cubits would have serv'd the turn; and had it took effect, the height of the gallows had but set his soul so much the farther on his journey towards heaven. His stomach was so sharp set, he could not stay till he had din'd on all the Jews, but first he must break his fast on Mordecai; and fit it was this bell-weather should be sacrificed before the rest of the flock: wherefore he comes to the Court to get leave to put him to death.

The night before Ahasuerus had passed without sleep. The Chronicles are called for, either to invite slumber, or to entertain waking with the lesse tediousnesse. Gods hand in the margin points the Reader to the place where Mordecai's good service was related; and Ahasuerus asketh Haman (newly come into the presence) what shall be done to the man whom the King will honour?

Haman being now (as he thought) to measure his own happinesse, had been much too blame if he made it not of the largest size. He cuts out a garment of honour, royall both for matter and making, for Mordecai to wear. By the Kings command he becomes Mordecai's Herauld and Page, lacquying by him riding on the Kings steed (who he hoped by this time should have mounted the wooden horse) and then pensive in heart hasts home to bemoan himself to his friends. Hamans wife proves a true Propheteſſe, presaging his ruine. If the feet of a Favourite begin to slip on the steep hill of Honour, his own weight will down with him to the bottome: once past noon with him, it is presently night.

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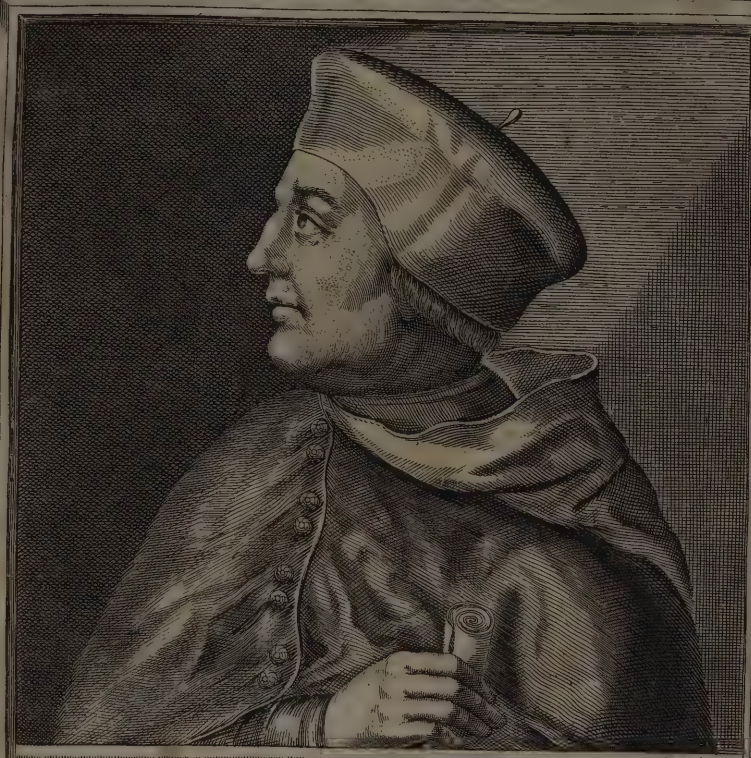
For at the next feaſt Ahaſuerus is mortally incenſ'd againſt him for plotting the death of Eſther, with the reſt of her people. (For had his project ſucceeded, probably the Jew had not been ſpared for being a Queen, but the Queen had been killed for being a Jew.) Haman in a careleſſe ſorrowfull poſture, more minding his life then his luſt, had caſt himſelf on the Queens bed. *Will he force the Queen alſo* (ſaid Ahaſuerus) *before me in the houſe?* Theſe words rang his paſsing-bell in the Court, and according to the Perſian faſhion they covered his face, putting him in a winding ſheet that was dead in the Kings favour. The next news we hear of him is, that by exchange Haman inherits the gibbet of Mordecai, and Mordecai the houſe and greatneſſe of Haman, the decree againſt the Jews being generally reverſed.

CHAP. 3.



THOMAS WOLSEY Arch-Bishop *of Yorke*, Chancelovr *of England* Cardinal *and* Legate *de Latere*. He Died at Leicester Abby *Anno Dñi* 1529. the 29th *of November*. WM. *sculp:*

Chap. 3.

The life of Card. Wolsey.

THomas Wolsey was born at Ipswich in Suffolk, whose father was a Butcher, and an * honest man, and was there brought up at school, where afterwards he built a beautifull Colledge. From Ipswich he went to Oxford, and from thence was preferred to be Schoolmaster to the Marques of Dorset's children, where he first learnt to be imperious over Noble bloud. By the stairs of a Parsonage or two he climbed

* Parentem habuit virum probum at latinum, *Pol. Virgil. pag.* 633.

up at last into the notice of Fox, Bishop of Winchester, and was received to be his Secretary.

There was at that time a faction at Court betwixt Bishop Fox and Thomas Howard, Earl of Surrey. The Bishop being very old was scarce able to make good his party; yet it grieved him not so much to stoop to Nature as to the Earl his Corrivall: wherefore not able to manage the matter himself, he was contented to be the stock whereon Wolsey should be graffed, whom he made heir to his favour, commending him to King Henrie the seventh for one fit to serve a King, and command others: And hereupon he was entertained at Court.

Soon after, when Henrie his sonne came to the Crown, Wolsey quickly found the length of his foot, and fitted him with an easie shoe. He perswaded him that it was good accepting of pleasure whilest youth tender'd it: let him follow his sports, whilest Wolsey would undertake every night briefly to represent unto him all matters of moment which had passed the Counsell-table. For Princes are to take State-affairs not in the masse and whole bulk of them, but onely the spirits thereof skilfully extracted. And hereupon the King referred all matters to Wolsey's managing, on whom he conferr'd the Bishopricks of Duresme, Winchester, and York, with some other spirituall promotions.

Nothing now hindred Wolsey's prospect to overlook the whole Court but the head of Edward Stafford Duke of Buckingham, who was high in birth, honour, and estate. For as for Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, he stood not in Wolsey's way, but rather besides then against him: Brandon being the Kings companion in pleasures, Wolsey his counsellour in policy; Brandon Favourite to Henrie, Wolsey to the King. Wolsey takes this Buckingham to task, who (otherwise a brave Gentleman) was proud and popular; and that

that tower is easily undermin'd whose foundation is hollow. His own folly with Wolsey's malice overthrew him. Vainglory ever lyeth at an open guard, and giveth much advantage of play to her enemies. The Duke is condemned of high treason, though rather corrivall with the King for his Clothes then his Crown, being excessively brave in apparell.

The ax that kills Buckingham frights all others, who turn contesting into complying with our Archbishop, now Cardinall, Legate *à latere*, and Lord-Chancellour. All the Judges stood at the barre of his devotion. His displeasure more feared then the Kings, whose anger though violent was placable; the Cardinalls of lesse furie, but more malice: yet in matters of Judicature he behaved himself commendably. I heare no widows sighes, nor see orphans tears in our Chronicles caused by him: sure in such cases wherein his private ends made him not a party, he was an excellent Justicer, as being too proud to be bribed, and too strong to be overborn.

Next he aspires to the Triple Crown; he onely wants Holinesse, and must be Pope. Yet was it a great labour for a Tramountain to climbe over the Alps to S. Peters Chair; a long leap from York to Rome, and therefore he needed to take a good rise. Besides he used Charles the fift, Emperour, for his staff, gold he gave to the Romish Cardinalls, and they gave him golden promises, so that at last Wolsey perceived, both the Emperour and the Court of Rome delay'd and deluded him.

He is no fox whose den hath but one hole: Wolsey finding this way stopt, goes another way to work, and falls off to the French King, hoping by his help to obtain his desires. However if he help not himself, he would hinder Charles the Emperours designes; and revenge is a great preferment. Wherefore covertly he seeks to make a divorce betwixt Queen Katharine,

Dowager, the Emperours Aunt, and King Henrie the eighth his Maſter.

Queen Katharines age was above her Husbands, her gravity above her age; more pious at her beads then pleaſant in her bed, a better woman then a wife, and a fitter wife for any Prince then King Henrie. Wolſey by his inſtruments perſwades the King to put her away, pleading they were ſo contiguous and near in kinred, they might not be made continuous (one fleſh) in marriage, becauſe ſhe before had been wife to Prince Arthur the Kings brother. Beſides, the King wanted a male heir, which he much deſired.

Welcome whiſperings are quickly heard. The King embraceth the motion: the matter is enter'd in the Romiſh Court, but long delayed; the Pope firſt meaning to divorce moſt of the gold from England in this tedious ſuit. But here Wolſey miſcarried in the Maſterpiece of his policy. For he hoped upon the divorce of King Henrie from Queen Katharine his wife (which with much adoe was effected) to advance a marriage betwixt him and the King of France his ſiſter, thinking with their nuptiall ring to wed the King of France eternally to himſelf, and mould him for farther deſignes: whereas contrary to his expectation King Henrie fell in love with Anna Bullen, a Lady whoſe beauty exceeded her birth (though honourable) wit her beauty, piety all; one for his love not luſt, ſo that there was no gathering of green fruit from her till marriage had ripened it: whereupon the King took her to wife.

Not long after followed the ruine of the Cardinall, cauſed by his own vitiouſneſſe, heightned by the envy of his Adverſaries. He was caught in a Premunire for procuring to be Legate *de latere*, and advancing the Popes power againſt the Laws of the Realm; and eight other Articles were framed againſt him, for which we report the Reader to our * Chronicles. The main

* *Fox Acts & Monuments, p. 996.*

main was, his *Ego & Rex meus*, wherein he remembred his old profession of a Schoolmaster, and forgot his present estate of a Statesman. But as for some things laid to his charge, his friends plead, that where potent malice is Promoter, the accusations shall not want proof, though the proof may want truth. Well, the broad seal was taken from him, and some of his spirituall Preferments. Yet was he still left Bishop of Winchester, and Archbishop of York, so that the Kings goodnesse hitherto might have seemd rather to ease him of burthensome greatnesse, then to have deprived him of wealth or honour: which whether he did out of love to Wolsey, or fear of the Pope, I interpose no opinion.

Home now went Wolsey into Yorkshire, and lived at his Mannour of Cawood, where he wanted nothing the heart of man could desire for contentment. But great minds count every place a prison, which is not a Kings Court; and just it was that he which would not see his own happinesse, should therefore feel his own misery. He provided for his enstalling Archbishop State equivalent to a Kings Coronation, which his ambition revived other of his misdemeanours, and by command from the King he was arrested by the Earl of Northumberland, and so took his journeys up to London. By the way his soul was rackt betwixt different tidings; now hoysed up with hope of pardon, then instantly let down with news of the Kings displeasure, till at Leicester his heart was broken with these sudden and contrary motions. The Storie goes that he should breath out his soul with speeches to this effect, *Had I been as carefull to serve the God of Heaven, as I have to comply to the will of my earthly King, God would not have left me in mine old age, as the other hath done.*

His body swell'd after his death, as his mind did whilest he was living, which with other symptomes gave the suspicion that he poysoned himself. It will

ſuffice us to obſerve, If a Great man much beloved dyeth ſuddenly, the report goes that others poyſoned him: If he be generally hated, then that he poyſoned himſelf. Sure never did a Great man fall with leſſe pity. Some of his own ſervants with the feathers they got under him flew to other Maſters. Moſt of the Clergy (more pitying his Profeſsion then Perſon) were glad that the felling of this oke would cauſe the growth of much underwood.

Let Geometricians meaſure the vaſtneſſe of his mind by the footſteps of his Buildings, Chriſt-Church White-Hall, Hampton-Court: And no wonder if ſome of theſe were not finiſhed, ſeeing his life was rather broken off then ended. Sure King Henrie lived in two of his houſes, and lies now in the third, I mean his Tombe at Windſor. In a word, in his prime he was the bias of the Chriſtian world, drawing the bowl thereof to what ſide he pleaſed.

Chap. 4.

The life of Charles Brandon, *Duke of Suffolk.*

Charles Brandon was ſonne to S^r. William Brandon, Standerd-bearer to King Henry the ſeaventh, in whoſe quarrell he was ſlain in Boſworth field; wherefore the King counted himſelf bound in honour and conſcience to favour young Charles, whoſe father ſpent his laſt breath to blow him to the haven of victory, and cauſed him to be brought up with Prince Henrie, his ſecond ſonne.

The intimacy betwixt them took deep impreſsion in their tender years, which hardned with continuance of time proved indeleble. It was advanced by the ſympathy of their active ſpirits (men of quick and large-ſtriding minds loving to walk together) not to ſay, that the looſeneſſe of their youthfull lives made them

them the faſter friends. Henry, when afterwards King, heaped honours upon him, created him Viſcount Liſle, and Duke of Suffolk.

Not long after ſome of the Engliſh Nobility got leave to go to the publick Tilting in Paris, and there behav'd themſelves right valiantly, though the ſullen French would ſcarce ſpeak a word in their praiſe. For they conceived it would be an eternall impoveriſhing of the credit of their Nation, if the honour of the day ſhould be exported by foreiners. But Brandon bare away the credit from all, fighting at Barriers with a giant Almain, till he made an earth-quake in that mountain of fleſh, making him reel and * ſtagger, and many other courſes at Tilt he performed to admiration. Yea, the Lords beheld him not with more envious, then the Ladies with gracious eyes, who darted more glaunces in love, then the other ranne ſpears in anger againſt him; eſpecially Mary the French Queen, and ſiſter to King Henry the eighth, who afterward proved his wife.

* *Hollinſhed, pag.* 833.

For after the death of Lewis the twelfth her husband, King Henry her brother imployed Charles Brandon to bring her over into England; who improved his ſervice ſo well that he got her good will to marrie her. Whether his affections were ſo ambitious to climbe up to her, or hers ſo courteous as to deſcend to him (who had been * twice a widower before) let youthfull pennes diſpute it: it ſufficeth us, both met together. Then wrote he in humble manner to requeſt King Henries leave to marrie his ſiſter; but knowing that matters of this nature are never ſure till finiſht, and that leave is ſooner got to do ſuch attempts when done already; and wiſely conſidering with himſelf that there are but few dayes in the Almanack, wherein ſuch *Marriages come in*, and ſubjects have opportunity to wed Queens, he firſt married her * privately in Paris.

* *Firſt married to Margaret Nevil, after to Anne, daughter to Sr. Anthony Brown.*

* *Hollinſhed, pag.* 836.

King Henrie after the acting of ſome anger, and ſhewing

shewing some state-discontent, was quickly contented therewith; yea the world conceiveth that he *gave this woman to be married to this man*, in sending him on such an imployment. At Calis they were afterward re-married, or if you will their former private marriage publickly solemniz'd, and coming into England liv'd many years in honour and esteem, no lesse dear to his fellow-subjects then his Sovereigne. He was often imployed Generall in Martiall affairs, especially in the warres betwixt the English and French, though the greatest performance on both sides was but mutuall indenting the Dominions each of other with inrodes.

When the divorce of King Henry from Queen Katharine was so long in agitation, Brandon found not himself a little agrieved at the Kings expence of time and money: for the Court of Rome in such matters, wherein money is gotten by delayes, will make no more speed then the beast in Brasil, which the Spaniards call *Pigritia*, which goes no farther in a fortnight then a man will cast a stone. Yea Brandon well perceived that Cardinall Campeius and Wolsey in their Court at Bridewell, wherein the divorce was judicially handled, intended onely to produce a solemn Nothing, their Court being but the clock set according to the diall at Rome, and the instructions received thence. Wherefore knocking on the table, in the presence of the two Cardinalls, he bound it with an oath, That *It was never well in England since Cardinalls had any thing to do therein*: And from that time forward, as an active instrument, he indeavoured the abolishing of the Popes power in England.

For he was not onely (as the Papists complain * of him) a principall agent in that Parliament, *Anno.* 1534. wherein the Popes supremacy was abrogated, but also a main means of the overturning of Abbeys, as conceiving that though the head was struck off, yet as long as

* *Sanderf. de Schismate Anglicano, p.* 108.

as that neck and those shoulders remained there would be a continuall appetite of reuniting themselves. Herein his thoughts were more pure from the mixture of covetousnesse then many other imployed in the same service: For after that our eyes, justly dazled at first with the brightnesse of Gods Justice on those vitious fraternities, have somewhat recovered themselves, they will serve us to see the greedy appetites of some instruments to feed on Church-morsels.

He lived and dyed in the full favour of his Prince, though as Cardinall Pool observed, they who were highest in this Kings favour, their heads were neareſt danger. Indeed King Henrie was not very tender in cutting off that joynt, and in his Reigne the ax was seldome wiped, before wetted again with Noble bloud. He dyed *Anno* 1544. much beloved, and lamented of all, for his bounty, humility, valour, and all noble virtues, since the heat of his youth was tamed in his reduced age, and lies buried at Windsor.

Chap. 5.

The wise Statesman.

TO describe the Statesman at large, is the subject rather of a Volume then a Chapter, and is as farre beyond my power, as wide of my profession. We will not lanch into the deep, but satisfie our selves to sail by the shore, and briefly observe his carriage towards God, his King, himself, home-persons, and forein Princes.

Maxime 1

He counts the fear of God the beginning of wisdome; and therefore esteemeth no project profitable, which is not lawfull; nothing politick, which crosseth piety. Let not any plead for the contrary Hushai's dealing with Absalom, which strongly savour'd of double-dealing; for what is a question cannot be an argument, seeing

the lawfulneſſe of his deed therein was never decided; and he is unwiſe that will venter the ſtate of his ſoul on the litigious title of ſuch an example. Beſides, we muſt live by Gods precepts, not by the godlies practice. And though God cauſeth ſometimes the ſunne of ſucceſſe to ſhine as well on bad as good projects, yet commonly wicked actions end in ſhame at the laſt.

2 *In giving counſell to his Prince, he had rather diſpleaſe then hurt him.* Plain-dealing is one of the daintieſt rarities can be preſented to ſome Princes, as being novelty to them all times of the yeare. The Philoſopher could ſay,* *Quid omnia poſſidentibus deeſt? Ille qui verum dicat.* Wherefore our Stateſman ſeeks to undeceive his Prince from the fallacies of flatterers, who by their plauſible perſwaſions have bolſter'd up their crooked counſells, to make them ſeem ſtraight in the Kings eyes.

* *Seneca de benefic. lib. 3. c. 30.*

3 *Yet if diſſenting from his Sovereigne, he doth it with all humility and moderation.* It is neither manners nor wit to croſſe Princes in their game, much leſſe in their ſerious affairs. Yea, it may be Rebellion in a ſubject to give his Sovereigne loyall counſell, if proceeding from a ſpirit of contradiction and contempt, and uttered in audacious language. What do theſe but give wholſome Phyſick, wrapt up in poyſoned papers?

4 *He is conſtant, but not obſtinate in the advice he gives.* Some think it beneath a wiſe man to alter their opinion: A maxime both falſe and dangerous. We know what worthy Father wrote his own Retractation; and it matters not though we go back from our word, ſo we go forward in the truth and a ſound judgement. Such a one changeth not his main opinion, which ever was this, to embrace that courſe which upon mature deliberation ſhall appear unto him the moſt adviſed. As for his carriage towards himſelf,

5 *He taketh an exact ſurvey of his own defects and perfections.* As for the former, his weakneſſes and infirmities he doth carefully and wiſely conceal: ſometimes he covers

covers them over with a cautious confidence, and presents a fair hilt, but keeps the sword in the sheath which wanteth an edge. But this he manageth with much art, otherwise, being betray'd, it would prove most ridiculous, and it would make brave musick to his enemies, to heare the hissing of an empty bladder when it is prick'd.

6 *His known perfections he seeks modestly to cloud and obscure.* It is needlesse to shew the sunne shining, which will break out of it self. Not like our Phantasticks, who having a fine watch draw all occasions to draw it out to be seen. Yea, because sometimes he concealeth his sufficiency in such things, wherein others know he hath ability, he shall therefore be thought at other times to have ability in those matters wherein indeed he wants it, men interpreting him therein rather modestly to dissemble, then to be defective. Yet when just occasion is offer'd, he shews his perfections soundly, though seldome, and then graceth them out to the best advantage.

7 *In discourse he is neither too free, nor overreserv'd, but observes a mediocrity.* His hall is common to all comers, but his closet is lock'd. Generall matters he is as liberall to impart, as carefull to conceal importancies. Moderate liberty in speech inviteth and provoketh liberty to be used again, where a constant closeneſſe makes all suspect him: and his company is burthensome that liveth altogether on the expences of others, and will lay out nothing himself. Yea, who will barter intelligence with him, that returns no considerable ware in exchange?

8 *He trusteth not any with a secret which may endanger his estate.* For if he tells it to his servant, he makes him his master; if to his friend, he enables him to be a foe, and to undo him at pleasure, whose secrecy he must buy at the parties own price, and if ever he shuts his purse, the other opens his mouth. Matters of inferiour conse-

quence he will communicate to a faſt friend, and crave his advice; for two eyes ſee more then one, though it be never ſo big, and ſet (as in Polyphemus) in the mideſt of the forehead.

9 *He is carefull and provident in the managing of his private eſtate.* Excellently * Ambroſe, *An idoneum putabo qui mihi det conſilium, qui non dat ſibi?* Well may Princes ſuſpect thoſe Stateſmen not to be wiſe in the buſineſſe of the Common-wealth, who are fools in ordering their own affairs. Our Politician, if he enlargeth not his own eſtate, at leaſt keeps it in good repair. As for avaricious courſes, he diſdaineth them. Sr Thomas More, though ſome years Lord-Chancellour of England, ſcarce left his ſonne * five and twenty pounds ayeare more then his father left him. And Sr Henrie Sidney (father to Sr Philip) being Lord Preſident of Wales and Ireland, got not * one foot of land in either Countrey, rather ſeeking after the common good then his private profit. I muſt confeſſe the laſt age produced an Engliſh Stateſman, who was the picklock of the cabinets of forein Princes, who, though the wiſeſt in his time and way, died poore and indebted to private men, though not ſo much as the whole Kingdome was indebted to him. But ſuch an accident is rare; and a ſmall Hoſpitall will hold thoſe Stateſmen who have impaired their means, not by their private careleſneſſe, but carefulneſſe for the publick. As for his carriage towards Home-perſons,

* *Lib. 2. de offic. cap. 112.*

* *Sanderſ. de Schiſm. Anglic. pag. 118.*

* *Henry Lho'd, in the beginning of his Welch Chronicle.*

10 *He ſtudieth mens natures, firſt reading the Title-pages of them by the report of Fame:* but credits not Fames relations to the full. Otherwiſe, as in London-exchange one ſhall overbuy wares, who gives half the price at firſt demanded, ſo he that believeth the moity of Fame may believe too much. Wherefore to be more accurate,

11 *He reads the Chapters of mens natures (chiefly his concurrents and competitours) by the reports of their friends and foes,* making

making allowance for their engagements, not believing all in the masse, but onely what he judiciously extracteth. Yet virtues confess'd by their foes, and vices acknowledged by their friends, are commonly true. The best intelligence, if it can be obtained, is from a fugitive Privado.

But the most legible Character and truest Edition wherein he reads a man is in his own occasionall openings: And that in these three cases. 12

1 When the party discloses himself in his wine: for though it be unlawfull to practise on any to make them drunk, yet no doubt one may make a good use of another mans abusing himself. What they say of the herb Lunaria ceremoniously gathered at some set times, that laid upon any lock, it makes it flie open, is most true of drunkennesse, unbolting the most important secrets.

2 When he discovereth himself in his passions. Physicians to make some small veins in their Patients arms plump and full, that they may see them the better to let them bloud, use to put them into hot water: so the heat of passion presenteth many invisible veins in mens hearts to the eye of the beholder; yea the sweat of anger washeth off their paint, and makes them appear in their true colours.

3 When accidentally they bolt out speeches unawares to themselves. More hold is then to be taken of a few words casually uttered, then of set solemn speeches, which rather shew mens arts then their natures, as endited rather from their brains then hearts. The drop of one word may shew more then the stream of an whole oration; and our Statesman by examining such fugitive passages (which have stollen on a sudden out of the parties mouth) arrives at his best intelligence.

13 *In Court-factions he keeps himself in a free neutrality.* Otherwise to engage himself needlessely were both folly and danger. When Francis the first, King of France, was consulting with his Captains how to lead his army * over the Alpes into Italy, whether this way or that way, Amarill his fool sprung out of a corner, where he sate unseen, and bade them rather take care which way they should bring their army out of Italy back again. Thus is it easie for one to interest and embarque himself in others quarrells, but much difficulty it is to be disengaged from them afterwards. Nor will our Statesman entitle himself a party in any feminine discords, knowing that *womens jarres breed mens warres.*

* *Pere de Lancre, of the uncertainty of things, lib. 2. fourth discourse*

14 *Yet he counts neutrality profaneneſſe in such matters wherein God, his Prince, the Church, or State are concern'd.* Indeed, *He that meddleth with strife not belonging unto him is like one that taketh a dog by the eares.* Yet if the dog worrieth a sheep, we may, yea ought to rescue it from his teeth, and must be champions for innocence when it is overborn with might. He that will stand neuter in such matters of moment, wherein his calling commands him to be a party, with Servilius in Rome, will please neither side: Of whom the Historian sayes, *P. Servilius medium se gerendo, nec plebis vitavit odium, nec apud Patres gratiam inivit.* And just it is with God, that they should be strained in the twist, who stride so wide as to set their legs in two opposite sides. Indeed an upright shoe may fit both feet, but never saw I glove that would serve both hands. Neutrality in matters of an indifferent nature may fit well, but never suit well in important matters, of farre different conditions.

Prov. 26. 17.

15 *He is the centre wherein lines of intelligence meet from all forein countreys.* He is carefull that his outlandish instructions be full, true, and speedy; not with the sluggard telling for news at noone, that the sunne is risen.

sen. But more largely hereof in the Embassadour, hereafter.

He refuseth all underhand pensions from forein Princes. 16
Indeed honourary rewards received with the approbation of his Sovereigne may be lawfull, and lesse dangerous. For although even such gifts tacitly oblige him by way of gratitude to do all good offices to that forein Prince whose Pensioner he is; yet his counsells passe not but with an open abatement, in regard of his known engagements, and so the State is armed against the advice of such, who are well known to lean to one side. But secret pensions which flow from forein Princes, like the river Anas in Spain, under ground, not known or discerned, are most mischievous. The receivers of such will play under-board at the Counsell-table; and the eating and digesting of such outlandish food will by degrees fill their veins with outlandish bloud, even in their very hearts.

His Master-piece is in negotiating for his own Master with forein Princes. 17
At Rhodes there was a contention betwixt Apelles and Protogenes, corrivalls in the Mystery of Limming. Apelles with his pencill drew a very slender even line; Protogenes drew another more small and slender in the midst thereof with another colour: Apelles again with a third line of a different colour drew thorow the midst of that Protogenes had made, * *Nullum relinquens amplius subtilitati locum.* Thus our Statesman traverseth matters, doubling and redoubling in his forein negotiations with the Politicians of other Princes, winding, and entrenching themselves mutually within the thoughts each of other, till at last our Statesman leaves no degree of subtlety to go beyond him.

* *Plin. nat. Hist. lib. 34. cap. 10.*

To conclude: Some plead that dissembling is Lawfull in the State-craft, upon the presupposition that men must meet with others which dissemble. Yea they hold, that thus to counterfeit, *se defendendo*, against

a crafty corrivall, is no ſinne, but a juſt puniſhment on our adverſary, who firſt began it. And therefore States-men ſometimes muſt uſe crooked ſhoes, to fit hurl'd feet. Beſides; the honeſt Politician would quickly be begger'd, if, receiving black money from cheatours, he payes them in good ſilver, and not in their own coin back again. For my part, I confeſſe that herein I rather ſee what then whither to flie; neither able to anſwer their arguments, nor willing to allow their practice. But what ſhall I ſay? They need to have ſteddy heads who can dive into theſe gulfs of policy, and come out with a ſafe conſcience. I'le look no longer on theſe whirl-pools of State, leſt my pen turn giddy.

CHAP. 6.

WILLIAM CECIL *Baron of* Burgleigh *&* *Lord* Treasurer *of England. He dyed Anno 1598. Aged 77 yeares.*

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CHAP. 6.

The life of William Cecil *Lord Burleigh.*

WIlliam Cecil born at Bourn in Lincolnshire, descended from the ancient and worshipfull Family of the Sitsilts or Cecils of Alterynnis in Herefordshire, on the confines of Wales; a name which a great * Antiquary thinks probably derived from the Romane *Cecilii*. No credit is to be given to their pens, who tax him with meanneſſe of birth, and whoſe malice is ſo generall againſt all goodneſſe, that it had been

* *Verstegan, restitut. of decaid intelligence, pag. 312.*

a ſlander if this worthy man had not been ſlandred by them: The ſervant is not above his maſter; and we know what aſperſions their malice ſought to caſt on the Queen her ſelf.

He being firſt bred in S. Johns Colledge in Cambridge, went thence to Grayes Inne (and uſed it as an Inne indeed, ſtudying there in his Paſſage to the Court) where he attained good learning in the Laws: yet his skill in fencing made him not daring to quarrell, who in all his life-time neither * ſued any, nor was ſued himſelf. He was after Maſter of the Requeſts (the firſt that ever bare that office) unto the Duke of Sommerſet, Lord Protectour, and was knighted by King Edward the ſixth.

* *Cambd. Eliz. ab. in Anno 1598.*

One * challengeth him to have been a main contriver of that act, and unnaturall will of King Edward the ſixth, wherein the King paſsing by his ſiſters, Marie and Elizabeth, entailed the Crown on Queen Jane; and that he furniſhed that act with reaſons of State, as Judge Montague filled it with arguments of Law. Indeed his hand wrote it, as Secretary of State, but his heart conſented not thereto; yea he openly * oppoſed it, though at laſt yielding to the greatneſſe of Northumberland, in an age wherein it was preſent drowning, not to ſwim along with the ſtream. But as the * Philoſopher tells us, that though the Planets be whirled about daily from Eaſt to Weſt by the motion of the *Primum mobile*, yet have they alſo a contrary proper motion of their own, from Weſt to Eaſt, which they ſlowly yet ſurely move at their leiſures: ſo Cecill had ſecret counter-endeavours againſt the ſtrain of the Court herein, and privately advanced his rightfull intentions againſt the foreſaid Dukes ambition; and we ſee that afterward Queen Marie not onely pardoned but employ'd him; ſo that towards the end of her reigne he ſtood in ſome twilight of her favour.

* *Sr. John Hayward in his Edward ſixth, p. 417.*

* *Cambden, ut prius.*

* *Ariſtot. lib. 2. de cœlo cap. 4. & 10.*

As for Sr. Edward Montague Lord chief Juſtice, what

what he did was by command againſt his own will, as appears by his written proteſtation at his death, ſtill in the hands of his honourable poſterity. But whileſt in this army of offenders, the Nobility in the front made an eſcape for themſelves, Queen Maries diſpleaſure overtook the old Judge in the rere, the good old man being not able with ſuch ſpeed to provide for himſelf; yea though he had done nothing but by generall conſent and command, the reſt of the Lords laid load on him, deſirous that the Queens anger ſhould ſend him on an errand to the priſon, and thence to the ſcaffold, to excuſe themſelves from going on the ſame meſſage. However, after ſome impriſonment he was pardon'd; a ſufficient argument, that the Queen conceived him to concurre paſsively in that action.

In Queen Elizabeths dayes he was made Secretary of State, Maſter of the Wards, Lord Treaſurer, and at laſt after long ſervice Baron of Burleigh. For the Queen honoured her honours in conferring them ſparingly, thereby making Titles more ſubſtantiall, wherewith ſhe payed many for their ſervice. The beſt demonſtration of his care in ſtewarding her Treaſure was this, that the Queen, vying gold and ſilver with the King of Spain, had money or credit, when the other had neither; her Exchequer, though but a pond in compariſon, holding water, when his river, fed with a ſpring from the Indies, was dreined dry.

In that grand faction betwixt Leiceſter and Suſſex, he meddled not openly, though 'tis eaſie to tell whom he wiſh'd the beſt to. Indeed this cunning Wreſtler would never catch hold to grapple openly with Leiceſter (as having ſomewhat the diſadvantage of him both in height and ſtrength) but as they ran to their ſeverall goles, if they chanced to meet, Burleigh would fairly give him a trip, and be gone; and the Earl had many a rub laid in his way, yet never ſaw who put it there.

Tis true, the Sword-men accuſ'd him as too cold in the Queens credit, and backward in fighting againſt forein enemies. Indeed he would never engage the State in a warre, except neceſsity, or her Majeſties honour, ſounded the alarm : But no reaſon he ſhould be counted an enemie to the Sparks of Valour, who was ſo carefull to provide them fewel, and pay the Souldier. Otherwiſe, in vain do the brows frown, the eyes ſparkle, the tongue threaten, the fiſt bend, and the arm ſtrike, except the belly be fed.

The Queen reflected her favour highly upon him, counting him both her Treaſurer, and her principall Treaſure. She would cauſe him alwayes to ſit down in her preſence, becauſe troubled with the gout, and uſed to tell him: *My Lord, we make much of you, not for your bad legs, but for your good head.* This cauſed him to be much envied of ſome great ones at Court ; and at one time no fewer then the * Marqueſſe of Wincheſter, Duke of Norfolk, Earls of Arundel, Northumberland, Weſtmerland, Pembroke and Leiceſter combining againſt him, taking advantage about his making over ſome moneys beyond ſea to the French Proteſtants, and on ſome other occaſions ; S^r^ Nicholas Throgmorton adviſed them firſt to clap him up in priſon, ſaying, that if he were once ſhut up, men would open their mouths to ſpeak freely againſt him. But the Queen underſtanding hereof, and ſtanding, as I may ſay, in the very priſon-doore, quaſh'd all their deſignes, and freed him from the miſchief projected againſt him.

* *Cambden. Elizab. Anno 1579.*

He was a good friend to the Church, as then eſtabliſhed by Law ; he uſed to adviſe his eldeſt ſonne Thomas never to beſtow any great coſt, or to build any great houſe on an Impropriation, as fearing the foundation might fail hereafter. A Patron to both Univerſities, chiefly to Cambridge, whereof he was Chancellour ; and though Rent-corn firſt grew in the head

head of Sr Thomas Smith, it was ripened by Burleighs assistance, whereby though the rents of Colledges stand still, their revennues increase.

No man was more pleasant and merry at meals; and he had a pretty wit-rack in himself, to make the dumbe to speak, to draw speech out of the most sullen and * silent guest at his table, to shew his disposition in any point he should propound. For forein intelligence, though he traded sometimes on the stock of Secretary Walsingham, yet wanted he not a plentifull bank of his own. At night when he put off his gown, he used to say, *Lie there, Lord Treasurer*, and bidding adieu to all State-affairs, disposed himself to his quiet rest.

* *Hottoman in descrip. of the Embassadour witnesseth so much, who had been at his table.*

Some looking on the estate he left, have wondered that it was so great, and afterwards wondred more that it was so little, having considered what Offices he had, and how long he enjoyed them. His harvest lasted every day for above thirty years together, wherein he allowed some of his servants the same courtesie Boaz granted to Ruth, to glean even among the sheaves, and to suffer some handfulls also to fall on purpose for them, whereby they raised great estates.

To draw to a conclusion: There arose a great question in State, whether warre with Spain should be continued, or a peace drawn up? The Sword and Gown-men brought weighty arguments on both sides, stamping also upon them with their private interests, to make them more heavy: Burleigh was all against warre, now old, being desirous to depart in peace, both private in his Conscience, and publick in the State. But his life was determined before the question was fully decided. In his sickness the Queen often visited him, a good plaister to asswage his pain, but unable to prolong his life; so that, *Cum satis naturæ, satisque gloriæ, patriæ autem non satis vixisset*, in the seventy seventh yeare of his age, *Anno* 1598. he exchanged this

life for a better. God measured his outward happinesse not by an ordinary standard: How many great Undertakers in State set in a cloud, whereas he shined to the last? Herein much is to be ascribed to the Queens constancy, who to confute the observation of Feminine fickleness, where her favour did light it did lodge; more to his own temper and moderation, whereas violent & boysterous meddlers in State cripple themselves with aches in their age; most to Gods goodnesse, who honoureth them that honour him. He saw Thomas his eldest sonne richly married to an honourable coheir; Robert, able to stand alone in Court, having a competent portion of favour, which he knew thriftily to improve, being a pregnant proficient in State-discipline.

Chap. 7.
The good Judge.

* *Lib. 2. cap. 1.*

The good Advocate, whom we * formerly described, is since by his Princes favour, and own deserts, advanced to be a Judge: which his place he freely obtained with S^r. Augustine * Nicolls, whom King James used to call *the Judge that would give no money*. Otherwise they that buy Justice by wholesale, to make themselves savers must sell it by retail.

* *Bolton in his funer. notes on him.*

Maxime 1 *He is patient and attentive in hearing the pleadings on both sides*; and hearkens to the witnesses, though tedious. He may give a waking testimony who hath but a dreaming utterance; and many countrey people must be impertinent, before they can be pertinent, and cannot give evidence about an hen, but first they must begin with it in the egge. All which our Judge is contented to hearken to.

2 *He meets not a testimony half-way, but stayes till it come at him.* He that proceeds on half-evidence, will not do quarter-justice. Our Judge will not go till he is lead.

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If any ſhall brow-beat a pregnant witneſſe, on purpoſe to make his proof miſcarry, he checketh them, and helps the witneſſe that labours in his delivery. On the other ſide, he nips thoſe Lawyers, who under a pretence of kindneſſe to lend a witneſſe ſome words, give him new matter, yea clean contrary to what he intended.

3 *Having heard with patience, he gives ſentence with uprightneſſe.* For when he put on his robes, he put off his relations to any; and like Melchiſedech becomes without pedigree. His private affections are ſwallowed up in the common cauſe, as rivers loſe their names in the ocean. He therefore allows no noted favourites, which cannot but cauſe multiplication of fees, and ſuſpicion of by-wayes.

4 *He ſilences that Lawyer who ſeeks to ſet the neck of a bad cauſe, once broken with a definitive ſentence*; and cauſeth that contentious ſuits be ſpued out, as the ſurfets of Courts.

5 *He ſo hates bribes, that he is jealous to receive any kindneſſe above the ordinary proportion of friendſhip*; leſt like the Sermons of wandring Preachers, they ſhould end in begging. And ſurely Integrity is the proper portion of a Judge. Men have a touch-ſtone whereby to try gold, but gold is the touch-ſtone whereby to trie men. It was a ſhrewd gird which Catulus gave the Romane Judges for acquitting Clodius a great malefactour, when he met them going home well attended with Officers; *You do well* (quoth he) *to be well* * *guarded for your ſafety, leſt the money be taken away from you, you took for bribes.* Our Judge alſo deteſteth the trick of Mendicant Friers, who will touch no money themſelves, but have a boy with a bag to receive it for them.

* *Plutar. in the life of Cicero, pag. 872.*

6 *When he ſits upon life, in judgement he remembreth mercy.* Then (they ſay) a butcher may not be of the Jurie, much leſſe let him be the Judge. Oh let him take heed how he ſtrikes, that hath a dead hand. It was the charge

charge Queen Marie gave to Judge Morgan, chief Justice of the common Pleas, that notwithstanding the old * errour amongst Judges did not admit any witnesse to speak, or any other matter to be heard in favour of the adversary, her Majestie being party; yet her Highnesse pleasure was that whatsoever could be brought in the favour of the Subject should be admitted and heard.

* *Holinshed in Queen Marie, pag. 1112.*

7 *If the cause be difficult, his diligence is the greater to sift it out.* For though there be mention, Psal. 37. 6. of righteousnesse as clear as the noon-day, yet God forbid that that innocency which is no clearer then twilight should be condemned. And seeing ones oath commands anothers life, he searcheth whether malice did not command that oath: yet when all is done, the Judge may be deceived by false evidence. But blame not the hand of the diall, if it points at a false houre, when the fault's in the wheels of the clock which direct it, and are out of frame.

8 *The sentence of condemnation he pronounceth with all gravity.* 'Tis best when steep'd in the Judges tears. He avoideth all jesting on men in misery: easily may he put them out of countenance, whom he hath power to put out of life.

9 *Such as are unworthy to live, and yet unfitted to die, he provides shall be instructed.* By Gods mercy, and good teaching, the reprive of their bodies may get the pardon of their souls, and one dayes longer life for them here may procure a blessed eternity for them hereafter, as may appear by this memorable Example. It happened about the yeare one thousand five hundred and fiftie six in the town of * Weissenstein in Germany that a Jew for theft he had cõmitted, was in this cruell manner to be executed: He was hang'd by the feet with his head downwards betwixt two dogs, which constantly snatch'd and bit at him. The strangenesse of the torment moved Jacobus Andreas (a grave, moderate, and

* *Melchior Adamus in vit. Jac. Andreæ, pag. 639.*

and learned Divine as any in that age) to go to behold it. Coming thither he found the poore wretch, as he hung, repeating Verſes out of the Hebrew Pſalmes, wherein he cryed out to God for mercy. Andreas hereupon took occaſion to counſell him to truſt in Jeſus Chriſt the true Saviour of mankind: The Jew embracing the Chriſtian Faith, requeſted but this one thing, that he might be taken down and be baptized, though preſently after he were hanged again (but by the neck as Chriſtian malefactours ſuffered) which was accordingly granted him.

10 *He is exact to do juſtice in civill Suits betwixt Sovereigne and Subject.* This will moſt ingratiate him with his Prince at laſt. Kings neither are, can, nor ſhould be Lawyers themſelves, by reaſon of higher State-employments, but herein they ſee with the eyes of their Judges, and at laſt will break thoſe falſe ſpectacles which (in point of Law) ſhall be found to have deceived them.

11 *He counts the Rules of State and the Laws of the Realm mutually ſupport each other.* Thoſe who made the Laws to be not onely diſparate, but even oppoſite terms to maximes of Government, were true friends neither to Laws nor Government. Indeed *Salus Reip.* is *Charta maxima*: extremity makes the next the beſt remedy. Yet though hot waters be good to be given to one in a ſwound, they will burn his heart out who drinks them conſtantly, when in health. Extraordinary courſes are not ordinarily to be uſed, when not enforced by abſolute neceſsity.

And thus we leave our good Judge to receive a juſt reward of his integrity from the Judge of Judges, at the great Aſsize of the world.

Chap. 8.

The life of S^r. John Markham.

John Markham was born at Markham in Nottinghamshire, descended of an ancient and worthy familie. He employed his youth in the studying of the Municipall Law of this realm, wherein he attained to such eminencie, that King Edward the fourth Knighted him, and made him Lord chief * Justice of the Kings Bench in the place of S^r John Forteſcue, that learned and upright Judge, who fled away with King Henrie the sixth.

* 13. *Maii.* 1. *Edwardi.* 4.

Yet Forteſcue was not miſſ'd, becauſe Markham ſucceeded him: and that loſſe, which otherwiſe could not be repair'd, now could not be perceiv'd. For though theſe two Judges did ſeverally lean to the ſides of Lancaſter and York, yet both ſate upright in matters of Judicature.

We will inſtance and inſiſt on one memorable act of our Judge, which though ſingle in it ſelf, was plurall in the concernings thereof. And let the Reader know, that I have not been careleſſe to ſearch, though unhappy not to find, the originall Record, perchance aboliſhed on purpoſe, and ſilenced for telling tales to the diſgrace of great ones. We muſt now be contented to write this Story out of the Engliſh Chronicles; * and let him die of drougth without pity, who will not quench his thirſt at the river, becauſe he cannot come at the fountain.

* *Fabian. pag.* 497. *&c. Hollinſhed pag.* 670. *and Stow in* 12. *of Edward the fourth.*

King Edward the fourth having married into the family of the Woodvills (Gentlemen of more antiquity then wealth, and of higher ſpirits then fortunes) thought it fit for his own honour to beſtow honour upon them: But he could not ſo eaſily provide them of wealth, as titles. For honour he could derive from himſelf, like light from a candle, without any diminiſhing

niſhing of his own luſtre; whereas wealth flowing from him, as water from a fountain, made the ſpring the ſhallower. Wherefore he reſolved to cut down ſome prime ſubjects, and to engraff the Queens kinred into their eſtates, which otherwiſe like ſuckers muſt feed on the ſtock of his own Exchequer.

There was at this time one Sr Thomas Cook, late Lord Maior of London, and Knight of the Bath, one who had well lick'd his fingers under Queen Margaret (whoſe Wardroper he was, and cuſtomer of Hampton) a man of a great eſtate. It was agreed that he ſhould be accuſed of high Treaſon, and a Commiſsion of Oyer and Terminer granted forth to the Lord Maior, the Duke of Clarence, the Earl of Warwick, the Lord Rivers, Sr. John Markham, Sr. John Fogg, &c. to try him in Guild Hall: And the King by private inſtructions to the Judge appear'd ſo farre, that Cook, though he was not, muſt be found guilty, and if the Law were too ſhort, the Judge muſt ſtretch it to the purpoſe.

The fault laid to his charge was for lending moneys to Queen Margaret, wife to King Henrie the ſixth; the proof, was the confeſsion of one Hawkins, who being rack'd in the Tower had confeſſed ſo much. The Counſell for the King, hanging as much weight on the ſmalleſt wier as it would hold, aggravated each particular, & by their Rhetoricall flaſhes blew the fault up to a great height. Sr Thomas Cook pleaded for himſelf, that Hawkins indeed upon a ſeaſon came to him, and requeſted him to lend one thouſand marks, upon good ſecurity. But he deſired firſt to know for whom the money ſhould be: and underſtanding it was for Queen Margaret, denyed to lend any money, though at laſt the ſaid Hawkins deſcended ſo low as to require but one hundred pounds, and departed without any peny lent him.

Judge Markham in a grave ſpeech did recapitulate,

ſelect and collate the materiall points on either ſide, ſhewing that the proof reached not the charge of high Treaſon, and miſpriſion of Treaſon was the higheſt it could amount to, and intimated to the Jurie, to be tender in matter of life, and diſcharge good conſciences.

The Jurie being wiſe men (whoſe apprehenſions could make up an whole ſentence of every nod of the Judge) ſaw it behoved them to draw up Treaſon into as narrow a compaſſe as might be, leſt it became their own caſe ; for they lived in a troubleſome world, wherein the cards were ſo ſhuffled, that two Kings were turn'd up trump at once, which amazed men how to play their games. Whereupon they acquitted the priſoner of high Treaſon, and found him guilty, as the Judge directed.

Yet it coſt S^r^ Thomas Cook, before he could get his libertie, eight hundred pounds to the Queen, and eight thouſand pounds to the King: A ſumme in that age more ſounding like the ranſome of a Prince, then the fine of a Subject. Beſides, the Lord Rivers (the Queens Father) had, during his Impriſonment, deſpoyled his houſes, one in the city, another in the countrey of plate and furniture, for which he never received a penie recompence. Yet God righted him of the wrongs men did him, by bleſsing the remnant of his eſtate to him, and his poſterity, which ſtill flouriſh at Giddy Hall in Eſſex.

As for S^r^ John Markham, the Kings diſpleaſure fell ſo heavy on him, that he was outed of his place, and S^r^ Thomas Billing put in his room, though the one loſt that Office with more honour then the other got it ; and gloried in this, that though the King could make him no Judge, he could not make him no upright Judge. He lived privately the reſt of his dayes, having (beſides the eſtate got by his practice) fair lands by Margaret his wife, daughter and coheir

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to Sr Simon Leak * of Cotham in Nottinghamshire, whose Mother Joan was daughter and heir of Sr John Talbot, of Swannington in Leicestershire.

* *Burtons Leicestershire, pag. 577.*

Chap. 9.

The good Bishop.

HE is an Overseer of a Flock of Shepherds, as a Minister is of a Flockof Gods sheep. Divine providence and his Princes bounty advanced him to the Place, whereof he was no whit ambitious: Onely he counts it good manners to sit there where God hath placed him, though it be higher then he conceives himself to deserve, and hopes that he who call'd him to the Office hath or will in some measure fit him for it.

His life is so spotlesse, that Malice is angry with him, because she cannot be angry with him: becaus she can find no just cause to accuse him. And as * Diogenes confuted him who denyed there was any motion, by saying nothing but walking before his eyes; so our Bishop takes no notice of the false accusations of people disaffected against his order, but *walks* on *circumspectly* in his calling, really refelling their cavils by his conversation. A Bishops bare presence at a marriage in his own dioceese, is by the Law interpreted for a licence; and what actions soever he graceth with his company, he is conceived to priviledge them to be lawfull, which makes him to be more wary in his behaviour.

Maxime 1

* *Diogen. Laert. lib. 6. pag. 212. in vit. Diogenis.*

With his honour, his holinesse and humility doth increase. His great Place makes not his piety the lesse: farre be it from him that the glittering of the candlestick should dimme the shining of his candle. The meanest Minister of Gods word may have free accesse unto him: whosoever brings a good cause brings his own welcome with him. The pious poore may enter in at his wide

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gates, when not so much as his wicket shall be open to wealthy unworthinesse.

3 *He is diligent and faithfull in preaching the Gospel*: either by his pen, *Evangelizo manu & scriptione*, saith a strict * Divine; or by his vocall Sermons (if age and other indispensable occasions hinder him not) teaching the Clergie to preach, and the Laity to live, according to the ancient * Canons. Object not that it is unfitting he should lie Perdue, who is to walk the round, and that Governing as an higher employment is to silence his Preaching: For Preaching is a principall part of Governing, and Christ himself ruleth his Church by his Word. Hereby Bishops shall govern hearts, and make men yield unto them a true and willing obedience, reverencing God in them. Many in consumptions have recover'd their healths by returning to their native aire wherein they were born: If Episcopacy be in any declination or diminution of honour, the going back to the painfulnesse of the primitive Fathers in Preaching, is the onely way to repair it.

* *Reinold. de Idol. Rom. Eccles. Epist. dedicat.*

* *Concil. To'etan. 2. Cap. 2. Tom. 4. pag. 820. Concil. Constant. 6. Can. 19. Tom. 5. pag. 328. Concil. Aurel. Can. 33. pag. 723. and lately, Concil Trident. Sess. 24. Can. 4*

4 *Painfull, pious, and peaceable Ministers are his principall Favourites.* If he meets them in his way (yea he will make it his way to meet them) he bestoweth all grace and lustre upon them.

5 *He is carefull that Church-censures be justly and solemnly inflicted*: namely,

1 Admonition, when the Church onely chideth, but with the rod in her hand.

2 Excommunication, the Mittimus whereby the Malefactour is sent to the gaolour of hell, and *delivered to Satan.*

3 Aggravation, whereby for his greater contempt, he is removed out of the gaole into the dungeon.

4 Penance, which is or should be inward repentance, made visible by open confession, whereby the Congregation is satisfied for the publick offense given her.

5 Absolution,

5 Absolution, which fetcheth the penitent out of hell, and opens the doore of heaven for him, which Excommunication had formerly lock'd, and Aggravation bolted against him.

As much as lies in his power, he either prevents or corrects those too frequent abuses, whereby offenders are not * *prick' d to the heart*, but let bloud in the purse; and when the Court hath her costs, the Church hath no damage given her, nor any reparation for the open scandall she received by the parties offence. Let the memory of Worthy Bishop Lake ever survive, whose hand had the true seasoning of a Sermon with Law and Gospel, and who was most fatherly grave in inflicting Church-censures: Such offenders as were unhappy in deserving, were happy in doing penance in his presence.

* *Acts* 2. 37.

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He is carefull and happy in suppressing of Heresies and Schismes. He distinguisheth of Schismaticks, as Phisicians do of Leprous people: Some are infectious, * others not; Some are active to seduce others, others quietly enjoy their opinions in their own consciences. The latter by his mildnesse he easily reduceth to the truth; whereas the Chirurgeons rigourously handling it, often breaks that bone quite off, which formerly was but out of joynt: Towards the former he useth more severity, yet endeavouring first to inform him aright, before he punisheth him. To use force first before people are fairly taught the truth, is to knock a nail into a board, without wimbling a hole for it, which then either not enters, or turns crooked, or splits the wood it pierceth.

* *The Lepros Elephantiasis not infectious to the company.*

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He is very mercifull in punishing offenders; both in matters of life and livelyhood, seing in S. Johns Language the same word * Βίος signifies both. He had rather draw tears, then bloud. It was the honour of the Romane State, as yet being Pagan, * *In hoc gloriari licet, nulli Gentium mitiores placuisse pœnas*: Yea for the first seventy years

* *John.* 3 17.

* *Livius lib.* 1. *pag.* 20.

years (till the reigne of Ancus Martius) they were without a prison. Clemency therefore in a Christian Bishop is most proper: O let not the *Starres of our Church* be herein turn'd to Comets, whose appearing in place of judicature presageth to some death or destruction. I confesse that even Justice it self is a kind of mercy: But God grant that my portion of mercy be not paid me in that coin. And though the highest detestation of sinne best agreeth with Clergy-men, yet ought they to cast a severe eye on the vice and example, and a mercifull eye on the person.

8 *None more forward to forgive a wrong done to himself.* Worthy Archbishop * Whitgift interceded to Queen Elizabeth for remitting of heavie fines laid on some of his Adversaries (learning from Christ his Master to be a mediatour for them) till his importunity had angred the Queen, yea and till his importunity had pleas'd her again, and gave not over till he got them to be forgiven.

* *Cambd. Eliz. ab. in Anno 1588. p. 538.*

9 *He is very carefull on whom he layeth hands in Ordination*; lest afterwards he hath just cause to beshrew his fingers, and with Martianus, a Bishop of Constantinople (who made Sabbatius a Jew and a turbulent man Priest) wish he had then rather laid his hand on the * briers, then such a mans head. For the sufficiency of Scholarship he goeth by his own eye; but for their honest life, he is guided by other mens hands, which would not so oft deceive him, were Testimonialls a matter of lesse courtesie and more conscience. For whosoever subscribes them enters into bond to God and the Church, under an heavy forfeiture, to avouch the honestie of the party commended; and, as Judah for Benjamin, they become *sureties for the young man unto his father*. Nor let them think to void the band and make it but a blank with that clause, *so farre forth as we know*, or words to the like effect: For what saith the Apostle? *God is not mocked.*

* *Socrat. Eccles. Hist. lib. 5. cap. 20.*

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He meddleth as little as may be with Temporall matters: having little skill in them, and lesse will to them. Not that he is unworthy to manage them, but they unworthy to be managed by him. Yea generally the most dexterous in spirituall matters are left-handed in temporall businesse, and go but untowardly about them. Wherefore our Bishop, with reverend * Andrews, *meddleth little in civill affairs, being out of his profession and element.* Heaven is his vocation, and therefore he counts earthly employments avocations: except in such cases which lie (as I may say) in the Marches of Divinity, and have connexion with his calling; or else when temporall matters meddle with him, so that he must rid them out of his way. Yet he rather admireth then condemneth such of his brethren, who are strengthned with that which would distract him, making the concurrence of spirituall and temporall power in them support one another, and using worldly businesse as their recreation to heavenly employment. 10

* *Funerall Serm. on him, pag.* 19.

If call'd to the Court he there doth all good offices, betwixt Prince and people, striving to remove all mispriſions & disaffections, & advancing unity and concord. They that think the Church may flourish when the Common-wealth doth wither may as well conceive that the brains may be sound when *pia mater* is perished. When in the way of a Confessour he privately tells his Prince of his faults, he knows by Nathans parable, to go the neerest way home by going farre about. 11

He improves his power with his Prince for the Churches good, in maintaining both true religion and the maintenance thereof; lest some pretending with pious Ezechiah to beat down the brazen serpent, the occasion of Idolatry, do indeed with sacrilegious Ahaz take away the brazen bulls from the Laver, and set it on a pavement of stone. He jointly advanceth the pains and gains, the work and wages of Ministers, which going together make a flourishing Clergy, with Gods blessing, and without mans envy. 12

13 *His mortified mind is no whit moved with the magnificent vanities of the Court*: no more then a dead corps is affected with a velvet herſe-cloth over it. He is ſo farre from wondring at their pomps, that though he looks daily on them, he ſcarce ſees them, having his eyes taken up with higher objects; and onely admires at ſuch, as can admire ſuch low matters. He is loved and feared of all; and his preſence frights the Swearer either out of his oathes or into ſilence, and he ſtains all other mens lives with the clearneſſe of his own.

14 *Yet he daily prayeth God to keep him in ſo ſlippery a place.* Eliſha prayed that a double portion of Eliahs Spirit might reſt upon him. A Father deſcanteth hereon, that a double portion of grace was neceſſary for Eliſha, who was gratious at Court, lived in a plentifull way, and favoured of the Kings of Iſrael; whereas Eliah lived poorely, and privately: And more wiſdome is requiſite to manage proſperity then affliction.

15 *In his grave Writings he aims at Gods glory, and the Churches peace*, with that worthy Prelate, the ſecond Jewell of Salisbury, whoſe Comments and Controverſies will tranſmit his memory to all Poſterity:

Whoſe dying pen did write of *Chriſtian Union*,
How Church with Church might ſafely keep *Communion.*
Commend his care, although the cure do miſſe;
The woe is ours, the happineſſe is his:
Who finding diſcords daily to encreaſe,
Becauſe he could not live, would die, in peace.

16 *He ever makes honourable mention of forein Proteſtant Churches*; even when he differs and diſſents from them. The worſt he wiſheth the French Church is a Proteſtant King: not giving the left hand of Fellowſhip to them, and reſerving his right for ſome other. Cannot Chriſts coat be of different colours, but alſo it muſt be of ſeverall ſeams? railing one on another, till theſe Siſters, by baſtardizing one another, make the Popiſh Church

Church the sole heir to all truth. How often did reverend *Whitgift (knowing he had the farre better cheere) send a messe of meat from his own table to the Ministers of Geneva? relieving many of them by bountifull contributions. Indeed English charity to forein Protestant Churches in some respect is payment of a debt: their children deserve to be our welcome guests, whose Grandfathers were our loving hosts in the dayes of Queen Mary.

* *S. G. Paul. in his life, pag. 63, 64.*

He is thankfull to that Colledge whence he had his education. 17

He conceiv'd himself to heare his Mother-Colledge alwayes speaking to him in the language of Joseph to Pharaohs Butler, * *But think on me, I pray thee, when it shall be well with thee.* If he himself hath but little, the lesse from him is the more acceptable: A drop from a spunge is as much as a tunne of water from a Marish. He bestows on it Books, or Plate, or Lands or Building; and the Houses of the Prophets rather lack watering then planting, there being enough of them, if they had enough.

* *Gen. 40. 14.*

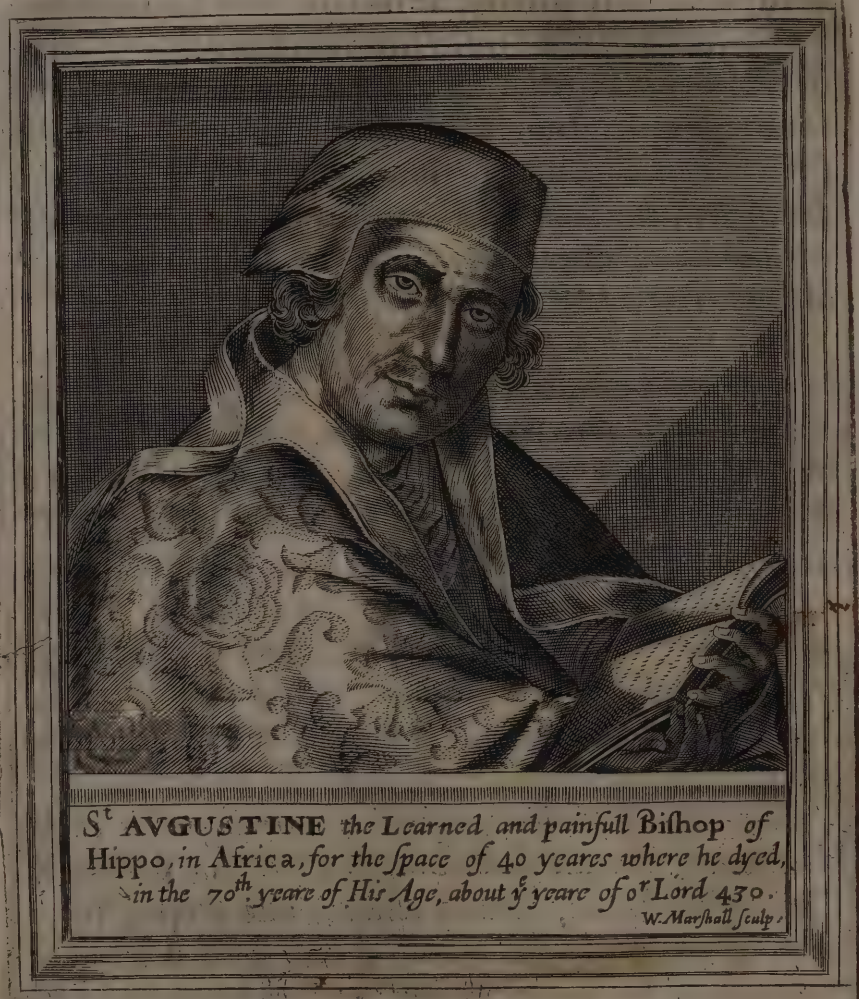
He is hospitable in his housekeeping according to his estate. 18

His bounty is with discretion to those that deserve it: Charity mistaken, which relieves idle people, like a dead corps, onely feeds the vermin it breeds. The rankneſse of his housekeeping produceth no riot in his Family. S. Paul calls a Christian Family well ordered, * *a Church in their house.* If a private mans house be a Parochiall, a Bishops may seem a Cathedrall Church, as much better as bigger, so decently all things therein are disposed.

* *Rom. 6. 5. Theoph. in locum.*

We come now to give a double Example of a godly Bishop: the first out of the Primitive times, the second out of the English Church since the Reformation, both excellent in their severall wayes.

CHAP. 10.



S^t **AVGUSTINE** *the Learned and painfull Bishop of Hippo, in Africa, for the space of 40 yeares where he dyed, in the 70^th. yeare of His Age, about y^e yeare of o^r Lord 430.*
W. Marshall sculp.

CHAP. II.

The life of S. AUGUSTINE.

AUguſtine was born in the City of Tagaſta in Africa, of Gentile parentage, Patricius and Monica, though their means bore not proportion to their birth, ſo that the breeding of their ſonne at Learning much weakned their eſtate, in ſo much as Romanian a noble gentleman (all the world is bound to be thankfull to S. Auguſtines Benefactour) bountifully advanced his education.

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It will be needleſſe to ſpeak of his youth, vitious in manners and erroneous in doctrine, 'eſpecially ſeeing he hath ſo largely accuſ'd himſelf in his *Confeſſions*.' Tis tyranny to trample on him that proſtrates himſelf; and whoſe ſinnes God hath gratiouſly forgotten, let no man deſpightfully remember.

Being made a Presbyter in the Church of Hippo, this great favour was allowed him, to preach conſtantly, though in the preſence of * Valerius the Biſhop: whereas in that age to heare a Prieſt preach when that a Biſhop was in the Church, was as great a wonder as the Moon ſhining at mid-day. Yea godly Valerius, one that could do better then he could ſpeak, and had a better heart then tongue, (being a Grecian, and therefore not well underſtood of the Africans) procured Auguſtine in his life-time to be deſigned Biſhop of Hippo, and to be joyned * fellow-Biſhop with himſelf, though it was flatly againſt the Canons.

* *Poſidonius in vit. Auguſt. cap 5.*

* *Idem. cap. 8.*

For a Coadjutour commonly proves an hinderer, and by his envious claſhing doth often dig his Partners grave with whom he is joyn'd; beſides that ſuch a ſuperinſtallation ſeems an unlawfull bigamy, marrying two husbands at the ſame time to the ſame Church. Yea, S. Auguſtine himſelf, afterwards underſtanding that this was againſt the Conſtitutions of the Church, was ſorry thereat (though others thought his eminency above Canons, and his deſerts his diſpenſation) and deſiring that his ignorance herein ſhould not miſguide others, obtained that the Canons (then not ſo hard to be kept as known, becauſe obſcure and ſcattered) were compiled together and publiſhed, that the Clergy might know what they were bound to obſerve.

Being afterwards ſole Biſhop, he was diligent in continuall preaching, and beating down of Hereticks eſpecially the Manicheans, in whoſe Fence-ſchool he was formerly brought up, and therefore knew beſt

how to hit them, and guard himself; also the Pelagians, the duellists against Grace, and for Freewill, which till S. Augustines time was never throughly sifted, points in Divinity being but slenderly fenced till they are assaulted by Hereticks. He was also the hammer of the Donatists, Hereticks who did scatter more then they did devoure, and their Schisme was more dangerous then their * Doctrine.

* *See their Tenets at large in our fifth book.*

He went not so willingly to a feast as to a conference, to reduce any erroneous persons: once he disputed with Pascentius the Arian, who requested that what passed betwixt them might not be written, and afterwards gave out his * bragges that he had worsted Augustine in the dispute, which report was believed of all who desired it.

* *August. Tom. 2. Ep. 174.*

In other battels, if the conquered side should be so impudent as to boast of the victory, it will ere long be confuted by the number of their men slain, ensignes and wagons taken, with their flight out of the field. It is not thus in the tongue-combats of disputes, wherein no visible wounds are given, and wherein bold men (though inwardly convinced with force of reason) count not themselves conquered till they confesse it; so that in effect none can be overcome except they will themselves: For some are so shameless that they count not their cause *wrackt* as long as any thing alive comes to the Land, so long as they have breath to talk though not to answer, and employ their hands not to untie their Adversaries arguments, but onely obstinately to lay hold on their own opinions; yea after the conference ended they cry *victoria* in all companies wherein they come, whilest their Auditours, generally as engaged as the Disputants, will succour their Champion with partiall relations, as the Arians did in this case of Pascentius.

But their false cavills have done the Church this true

true courteſie, that ever after S. Auguſtine ſet down his diſputations in writing, that ſo the eye of the Reader might more ſteddily behold his arguments preſented fixed in black and white, then when they were onely *in fluxu*, as paſsing in his words.

His clothes were neither*brave, nor baſe, but comely: As for the black Cowl of the Auguſtinians, which they pretend from his practice, it ſeemeth rather (if ſo ancient) to be cut with the ſheeres, or by the pattern, of Auguſtine the Monk. He would not receive gifts to the Church from thoſe who had poore kinred of their own: Divinitie ſaith, that mercy is better then ſacrifice; and the Law provides, that debts are to be paid before legacies.

In caſe of great want he would ſell the very Ornaments of the Church, and beſtow the money on the poore, contrary to the * opinion of many (the thorn of Superſtition began very ſoon to prick) who would not have ſuch things in any caſe to be alienated. Sure a Communion-table will not catch cold with wanting a rich carpet, nor ſtumble for lack of the candles thereon in ſilver candleſticks. Beſides, the Church might afterwards be ſeaſonably repleniſhed with new furniture, whereas if the poore were once ſterved, they could not be revived again. But let not Sacriledge in the diſguize of Charity make advantage hereof, & Covetouſneſſe, which is ever hungry till it ſurfets, make a conſtant ordinary on Church-bread, becauſe David in neceſsity fed one meal thereon. His diet was very cleanly and ſparing, yet hoſpitable in the entertaining of others, and had this diſtich wrote on his table,

Quisquis amat dictis abſentum rodere famam,
Hanc menſam indignam noverit eſſe ſibi.
He that doth love on abſent friends to jeere
May hence depart, no room is for him here.

His family was excellently well ordered, and ten of thoſe Scholars which were brought up under him came afterwards to be Biſhops. To

* Veſtis nec nitida nimiùm, nec abjecta plurimùm, *Poſſidon. cap.* 22.

*De vaſis Dominicis, propter captivos quamplurimos indigentes, frangi & conflari jubebat, & indigentibus diſpenſari: quod non commemoraſſem, niſi contra carnalem ſenſum quorundam fieri perviderem, *Poſſidon. in vit. Auguſt. cap.* 24.

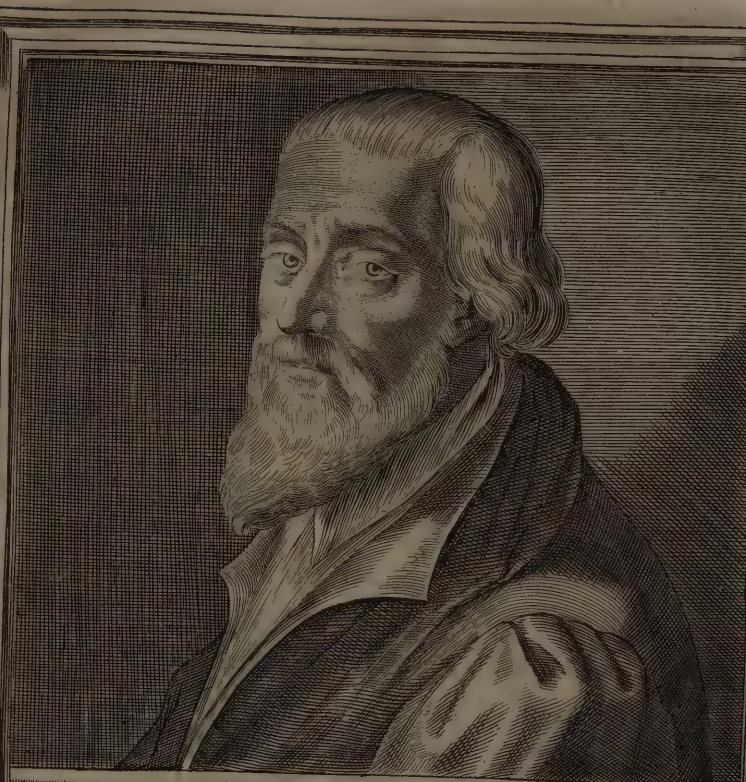
To come to his death. It happened that the Northern countreys, called by * some *Vagina gentium, the Sheath of people* (though more properly they may be termed, *Ensis dei, the Sword of God*) sent forth the Vandalls, Albans, and Gothes, into the Southern parts, God punishing the pride of the Roman Empire to be confounded by Barbarous enemies. Out of Spain they came into Africa, and massacred all before them. The neighbouring villages like little children did flie to Hippo the mother-City for succour: thirteen moneths was Hippo besieged by the Gothes, and S. Augustine being therein prayed to God either to remove the siege, or to give the Christians therein patience to suffer, or to take him out of this miserable world, which he obtained, and dyed in the third moneth of the siege.

* *Methodius Martyr & Paul. Diacon.*

Falling very sick (besides the disease of age and grief) he lay languishing a pretty time, and took order that none should come to him save when his meat was brought, or Physicians visited him, that so he might have elbow-room the more freely to put off the clothes of his mortality.

The motion of Piety in him (by custome now made naturall) was *velocior in fine*, daily breathing out most pious Ejaculations. He died intestate, not for lack of time to make a will, but means to bestow, having formerly passed his soul to God, whilest his body of course bequeathed it self to the earth. As for the books of his own making, a treasure beyond estimation, he carefully consigned them to severall Libraries. He dyed in the seventy sixth yeare of his age, having lived a Bishop almost fourty years. Thus a Saint of God, like an oke, may be cut down in a moment; but how many years was he a growing! Not long after his death the City of Hippo was sack'd by the Gothes, it being no wonder if Troy was taken, when the Palladium was first fetch'd away from it.

CHAP. II.



NICHOLAS RIDLEY Bishop *of* LONDON.
He died a constant Martyr for the Truth, and was burnt at Oxford the 16.th of Octob: 1555.
W. Marshall sculp:

CHAP. II.

The life of Bishop RIDLEY.

NIcholas Ridley born in the Bishoprick of Duresme, but descended from the ancient and worshipfull familie of the Ridleys of Willimotes-wike in Northumberland. He was brought up in Pembrokehall in Cambridge, where he so profited in generall Learning, that he was chosen Fellow of the Colledge, and *Anno* 1533 was Proctour of the University.

At which time two Oxford men, George Throgmor-

ton, and John Aſhwell, came to Cambridge, and in the publick Schools challenged any to diſpute with them on theſe queſtions,

An { *Jus civile ſit medicina præſtantius?* (*denda?*
{ *Mulier condemnata, bis ruptis laqueis, ſit tertio ſuſpen-*

It ſeems they were men of more brow then brain, being ſo ambitious to be known, that they had rather be hiſſ'd down then not come upon the ſtage. Sure Oxford afforded as many more able diſputants, as Civill Law yielded more profound and needfull queſtions. Throgmorton had the fortune of daring men, to be worſted, being ſo preſſed by John Redman and Nicholas * Ridley the opponents, that his ſecond refuſed at all to diſpute.

* *Caius de Antiquit. Cant. Acad. p. 19. 20.*

Indeed an Univerſity is an onely fit match for an Univerſity; and any private man who in this Nature undertakes a whole body, being of neceſsity put to the worſt, deſerves not Phaetons Epitaph, *magnis*, but *ſtultis tamen excidit auſis*. And though * one objects, *Neminem Cantabrigienſium conſtat Oxonienſes unquam ad certamen provocaſſe*; yet leſſe learning cannot be inferred from more modeſtie. The beſt is, the two Siſters ſo well agree together that they onely contend to ſurpaſſe each other in mutuall kindneſſe, and forbidding all duells betwixt their children, make up their joint forces againſt the common foe of them and true Religion.

* *Brian Twine pag. 336.*

He was after choſen Maſter of Pembroke Hall, and kept the ſame whileſt Biſhop of Rocheſter and London, till outed in the firſt of Queen Marie. Not that he was covetous to hold his place in the Colledge, but the Colledge ambitious to hold him [illegible] would willingly part with a jewell. He was [illegible] em with Henrie the eighth, and in better [illegible] ing Edward the ſixth, and was generally [illegible] the Court, being one of an handſome per[illegible] pre-ſence, affable ſpeech, and courteous be[illegible]

But before I go further, Reader, pard[illegible] on, [illegible]nd

and yet is it none, for 'tis necessary. I have within the narrow scantling of my experimentall remembrance observed strange alteration in the worlds valuing of those learned men which lived in that age; and take it plainly without welt or gard, for he that smarts for speaking truth hath a playster in his own conscience.

When I was a child I was possessed with a reverend esteem of them, as most holy and pious men, dying Martyrs in the dayes of Queen Marie for profession of the truth; which opinion having from my Parents taken quiet possession of my soul, they must be very forcible reasons which eject it.

Since that time they have been much cried down in the mouthes of many, who making a *Coroners enquest* upon their death, have found them little better then *Felons de se*, dying in their own bloud, for a mere formality, *de modo*, of the manner of the Presence, and a Sacrifice in the Sacrament, who might easily with one small distinction have knockt off their fetters, & saved their lives. By such the Coronet of Martyrdome is pluckt off from their memories; and others more moderate equally part their death betwixt their enemies cruelty, and their own over-forwardnesse.

Since that, one might have expected that these worthy men should have been re-estated in their former honour, whereas the contrary hath come to passe. For some who have an excellent facultie in uncharitable Synecdoches, to condemne a life for an action, & taking advantage of some faults in them do much condemne them. And * one lately hath traduced them with such language, as neither beseemed his parts (whosoever he was) that spake it, nor their piety of whom it was spoken. If pious Latimer, whose bluntnesse was incapable of flattery, had his simplicity abused with false informations, he is called *another Doctour Shaw, to divulge in his Sermon forged accusations.* Cranmer and Ridley for some failings styled, *the common stales to countenance*

* *Authour of the book lately printed of Causes hindring Reformation in England, lib. 1. pag. 10.*

with their prostituted gravities every politick fetch which was then on foot, as oft as the potent Statists pleased to employ them. And, as it follows not farre after, *Bishop Cranmer, one of King Henries Executours, and the other Bishops, none refusing (lest they should resist the Duke of Northumberland) could find in their consciences to set their hands to the disenabling and defeating of the Princesse Marie, &c.* Where Christian ingenuity might have prompted unto him to have made an intimation, that Cranmer (with pious Justice Hales in Kent) was last and least guilty, much refusing to subscribe; and his long resisting deserved as well to be mentioned, as his yielding at last. Yea, that very Verse, which Doctour Smith at the burning of Ridley used against him, is by the foresaid Authour (though not with so full a blow, with a slenting stroke) applyed to those Martyrs, *A man may give his body to be burnt, and yet have not charity.* pag. 11.

Thus the prices of Martyrs ashes rise and fall in Smithfield market. However their reall worth flotes not with peoples phancies, no more then a rock in the sea rises and falls with the tide: S. Paul is still S. Paul, though the Lycaonians now would sacrifice to him, and presently after would sacrifice him: These Bishops, Ministers, and Lay-people, which were put to death in Queen Maries dayes, were worthy Saints of God, holy and godly men, but had their faults, failings, and imperfections. Had they not been men they had not burn't; yea had they not been more then men (by Gods assistance) they had not burn't. Every true Christian should, but none but strong Christians will, die at the stake.

But to return to Ridley: One of the greatest things objected against him, was his counsell to King Edward (which the good Prince wash'd away with his tears) about tolerating the Masse for Princesse Mary, at the intercession of Charles the fifth Emperour, which how great it was, let the indifferent party give judgement,

judgement, when the * Historian hath given his evidence, *The Bishops*, of Canterbury, London, Rochester, *gave their opinion, that to give licence to sinne, was sinne, but to connive at sinne, might be allowed, in case it were neither too long, nor without hope of reformation.*

* *Haywards Edward sixt pag. 291.*

Another fault, wherewith he was charged, was that wofull and unhappy discord betwixt him and reverend Bishop Hooper, about the wearing of some Episcopall garments at his consecration (then in use) which Ridley press'd, and Hooper refused with equall violence, as being too many, rather loading then gracing him; and so affectedly grave, that they were light again. All we will say is this, that when worthy men fall out, onely one of them may be faulty at the first, but if such strifes continue long, commonly both become guilty: But thus Gods diamonds often cut one another, and good men cause afflictions to good men.

It was the policy of the * Lacedemonians alwayes to send two Embassadours together, which disagreed amongst themselves, that so mutually they might have an eye on the actions each of other: Sure I am that in those Embassadours, the Ministers, which God sendeth to men, God suffereth great discords betwixt them, (Paul with Barnabas, Jerome with Ruffin, and Augustine, and the like) perchance because each may be more cautious and wary of his behaviour in the view of the other. We may well behold mens weakness in such dissentions, but better admire Gods strength and wisdome in ordering them to his glory, and his childrens good. Sure it is, Ridley and Hooper were afterwards cordially reconciled; and let not their discords pierce farther then their reconciliation: The worst is, mens eyes are never made sound with the clearnesse, but often are made sore with the bleerneſſe of other mens eyes in their company. The virtues of Saints are not so attractive of our imitation, as their vices and infirmities are prone to infect.

* *Arist. polit. lib. 2. cap. 7.*

* *Hayward Edward 6. p. 407. & sequent.*

* Ridley was very gracious with King Edward the sixth, and by a Sermon he preach'd before him so wrought upon his pious disposition, whose Princely charity rather wanted a directour then a perswader, that the King at his motion gave to the city of London,

1 Greyfriers, now called Christ-Church, for impotent, fatherlesse, decrepid people by age or nature to be educated or maintained.

2 S. Bartholomews near Smithfield, for poore by faculty, as wounded souldiers, diseas'd and sick persons to be cur'd and relieved.

3 Bridewell, the ancient Mansion of the English Kings, for the poore by idlenesse or unthriftynesse, as riotous spenders, vagabonds, loyterers, strumpets to be corrected and reduc'd to good order.

* *Fr. Quarles Enchirid. pag. 1.*

I like that Embleme of Charity which * one hath expressed *in a naked child, giving honey to a Bee without wings*; onely I would have one thing added, namely holding *a whip in the other hand to drive away the drones*: So that King Edwards bounty was herein perfect and complete.

To return to Ridley: His whole life was a letter written full of learning and religion, whereof his death was the seal. Brought he was with Cranmer and Latimer to Oxford to dispute in the dayes of Queen Mary, though before a Syllogisme was form'd, their deaths were concluded on, and as afterwards came to passe, being burnt the sixteenth of October *Anno* 1555. in the ditch over against Balioll Colledge.

* *Fox. Acts Mon: An: 1555. Octob.*

He came to the * stake in a fair black gown furr'd and fac'd with foins, a Tippet of velvet, furr'd likewise, about his neck, a velvet night-cap upon his head, and a corner'd cap upon the same.

Doctour Smith preacht a Sermon at their burning; a Sermon which had nothing good in it but the text (though misapplyed) and the shortnesse, being not above

above a quarter of an houre long. Old Hugh Latimer was Ridleys partner at the stake, sometimes Bishop of Worcester, who crauled thither after him, one who had lost more learning then many ever had, who flout at his plain Sermons, though his down-right style was as necessary in that ignorant age, as it would be ridiculous in ours. Indeed he condescended to peoples capacity; and many men unjustly count those low in learning, who indeed do but stoop to their Auditours. Let me see any of our sharp Wits do that with the edge, which his bluntnesse did with the back of the knife, and perswade so many to restitution of ill-gotten goods. Though he came after Ridley to the stake, he got before him to heaven: his body, made tinder by age, was no sooner touch'd by the fire, but instantly this old Simeon had his *Nunc dimittis*, and brought the news to heaven that his brother was following after.

But Ridley suffered with farre more pain, the fire about him being not well made: And yet one would think that age should be skilfull in making such bonefires, as being much practised in them. The Gunpowder that was given him did him little service, and his Brother-in-law, out of desire to rid him out of pain, encreased it, (great grief will not give men leave to be wise with it) heaping fewell upon him to no purpose; so that neither the fagots which his enemies anger, nor his Brothers good will cast upon him, made the fire to burn kindly.

In like manner, not much before, his dear friend Master* Hooper suffered with great torment; the wind (which too often is the bellows of great fires) blowing it away from him once, or twice. Of all the Martyrs in those dayes, these two endured most pain, it being true that each of them,

Quærebat in ignibus ignes:
And still he did desire,
For fire in midd'st of fire.

Both

* *See Mr Fox Acts and Mon. on Hoopers death.*

Both desiring to burn, and yet both their upper parts were but Confessours, when their lower parts were Martyrs, and burnt to ashes: Thus God, where he hath given the stronger faith, he layeth on the stronger pain. And so we leave them going up to Heaven, like Eliah, in a chariot of fire.

Chap. 12.

The true Nobleman.

He is a Gentleman in a Text Letter, because bred, and living in an higher and larger way. Conceive him when young brought up at School, *in ludo literario*, where he did not take *ludus* to himself, and leave *literarius* to others, but seriously applyed himself to learning, and afterwards coming to his estate, thus behaves himself.

Maxime 1 *Goodnesse sanctifies his Greatnesse, and Greatnesse supports his Goodnesse.* He improves the upper ground whereon he stands, thereby to do God the more glory.

2 *He counts not care for his Countreys good to be beneath his state.* Because he is a great pillar, shall he therefore bear the lesse weight? never meddling with matters of Justice. Can this be counted too low for a Lord, which is high enough for a King? our Nobleman freely serves his Countrey, counting his very work a sufficient reward. (As by our * Laws no Duke, Earl, Baron, or Baronet, though Justices of Peace, may take any wages at the Sessions.) Yea he detesteth all gainfull wayes, which have the least blush of dishonour: For the Merchant Nobility of Florence and Venice (how highly soever valued by themselves) passe in other countreys with losse and abatement of repute; as if the scarlet robes of their honour had a stain of the stamell die in them.

* *Statute* 14. *of Ric.* 2. 6. 11.

3 *He is carefull in the thrifty managing of his estate.* Gold, though the most solid and heavy of metalls, yet may be

be beaten out so thin, as to be the lightest and slightest of all things. Thus Nobility, though in it self most honourable, may be so attenuated through the smalnesse of means as thereby to grow neglected. Which makes our Nobleman to practice Solomons precept, * *Be diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thine herds; for the Crown doth not endure to every generation.* If not the *Crown* much lesse the *Coronet*; and good husbandry may as well stand with great honour, as breadth may consist with height. * *Prov.* 27. 23.

4 *If a weak estate be left him by his Ancestors, he seeks to repair it*, by wayes thrifty, yet noble: as by travelling, sparing abroad, till his state at home may outgrow debts and pensions: Hereby he gains experience, and saves expence, sometimes living private, sometimes shewing himself at an half light, and sometimes appearing like himself as occasion requires; or else by betaking himself to the warres: Warre cannot but in thankfulnesse grace him with an Office, which graceth her with his person; or else by warlike sea-adventures wisely undertaken, and providently managed: otherwise, this course hath emptied more full, then filled empty purses, and many thereby have brought a Galeon to a Gally; or lastly by match with wealthy Heirs, wherein he is never so attentive to his profit, but he listens also to his honour.

5 *In proportion to his means, he keeps a liberall house.* This much takes the affections of countrey people, whose love is much warmed in a good kitchin, and turneth much on the hinges of a buttery-doore often open. Francis Russell, second Earl of Bedford of that firname, was so bountifull to the poore, that Queen Elizabeth would merrily complain of him, that he made all the beggers: sure 'tis more honourable for Noblemen to make beggers by their liberality, then by their oppression. But our Nobleman is especially carefull to see all things discharged which he taketh up. When the corps

of Thomas Howard ſecond Duke of Norfolk were carried to be interred in the Abbey of Thetford, *Anno* 1524. no perſon could demand of him one * groat for debt, or reſtitution for any injury done by him.

* *Weavers fun. Mon. p.* 839.

6 *His ſervants are beſt known by the coat and cognizance of their civill behaviour.* He will not entertain ſuch ruffian-like men, who know ſo well who is their Maſter, that they know not who they are themſelves, and think their Lords reference is their innocence, to bear them out in all unlawfull actions. But our Lords houſe is the Colledge wherein the children of the neighbouring Gentry and Yeomanry are bred, and there taught by ſerving of him to rule themſelves.

7 *He hateth all oppreſſion of his tenants and neighbours*; diſdaining to cruſh a mean Gentleman for a meaner offenſe; and counts it no conqueſt but an execution from him, who on his ſide hath the oddes of height of place, ſtrength of arme, and length of weapon. But as the Proverb ſaith, *No graſſe grows where the grand Seignieurs horſe ſets his feet*; ſo too often nothing but graſſe grows where ſome Great men ſet their footing, no towns or tillage, for all muſt be turn'd into depopulating paſtures, and commons into encloſures. Nigh the city of Lunenberg in Germany flowed a plentifull ſalt ſpring, till ſuch time as the rich men, engroſsing all the profit to themſelves, would not ſuffer the poore to make any ſalt thereof; whereupon God and Nature being offended at their covetouſneſſe, the ſpring * ceaſed, and ran no more for a time. Thus hath Gods puniſhment overtaken many great men, and ſtopp'd his bleſsing towards them, which formerly flowed plentifully unto them, for that they have wronged poore people of their commonage, which of right belonged unto them.

* *Moriſons Travells, chap. 1. Part. 1. pag. 5. Yet afterward upon readmiſſion of the poore to it it ran again.*

8 *In his own pleaſures he is carefull of his neighbours profit.* Though his horſes cannot have wings like his hawks to ſpoil no graſſe or grain as he paſſeth, yet he is very carefull

carefull to make as little waſte as poſsible may be: his horſes ſhall not trample on loaves of bread as he hunteth, ſo that whileſt he ſeeks to gather a twig for himſelf he breaks the ſtaff of the commonwealth.

All the countrey are his Retainers in love and obſervance. 9.
When they come to wait on him, they leave not their hearts at home behind them, but come willingly to tender their reſpects. The holding up of his hand is as good as the diſplaying of a banner; thouſands will flock to him, but it muſt be for the Kings and Countreys ſervice. For he knows that he who is more then a Lord, if his cauſe be loyall, is leſſe then a private man, if it be otherwiſe: with S. * Paul, *he can do nothing againſt the truth, but for the truth.* Thus Queen Elizabeth Chriſtned the youngeſt daughter of Gilbert Talbot Earl of Shrewsbury (now Counteſſe of Arundell) *Aletheia, Truth*, out of true * conſideration and judgement that the houſe of the Talbots was ever loyall to the Crown.

* 2. Cor. 13. 8.

* Vincent's diſcov. of Brooks Errours, p. 470.

Some priviledges of Noblemen he endeavours to deſerve: 10
namely ſuch priviledges as are completely Noble, that ſo his merits as well as the Law ſhould allow them unto him. He conceives this word, *On mine Honour*, wraps up a great deal in it; which unfolded and then meaſured, will be found to be a large atteſtation, and no leſſe then an eclipticall oath, calling God to witneſſe, who hath beſtowed that Honour upon him. And ſeeing the State is ſo tender of him, that he ſhall not be forced to ſwear in matters of moment in Courts of Juſtice, he is carefull not to ſwear of his own accord in his ſports and pleaſures. Other priviledges of Noblemen he labours not to have need of, namely ſuch as preſuppoſe a fault, are but honourable penalties, and excuſe from ſhamefull puniſhments. Thus he is not to be *bound to the * peace*. And what needs he; who hath the peace alwayes bound to him, being of his own accord alwayes carefull to preſerve it, and of ſo noble a diſpoſition, he will never be engaged in any braules or contentions.

* Lamb. Juſtice of peace pag. 83.

To give an instance of such a Nobleman seems to be needlesse, hoping that at this time in one city of this Realm, and in one room of that city, many such Noblemen are to be found together.

Chap. 13.

The Court-Lady.

TO describe an Holy State without a virtuous Lady therein, were to paint out a yeare without a Spring: we come therefore to her Character.

Maxime 1 *She sets not her face so often by her glasse, as she composeth her soul by Gods word.* Which hath all the excellent qualities of a glasse indeed.

1 It is clear: in all points necessary to Salvation, except to such whose eyes are blinded.

2 It is true: not like those false glasses some Ladyes dresse themselves by. And how common is flattery at Court, when even glasses have learnt to be parasites?

3 It is large; presenting all spots Cap-a-pe, behind and before, within and without.

4 It is durable: though in one sense it is broken too often (when Gods Laws are neglected) yet it will last to break them that break it, and *one tittle thereof shall not fall to the ground.*

5 This glasse hath power to smooth the wrinkles, cleanse the spots, and mend the faults it discovers.

2 *She walks humbly before God in all religious duties.* Humbly: For she well knows that the strongest Christian is like the city of Rome, which was never besieged but it was taken, and the best Saint without Gods assistance would be as often foyled as tempted. She is most constant and diligent at her houres of private prayer. Queen Katharine Dowager never kneeld on a cushion

* cuſhion when ſhe was at her devotions: This matters not at all; our Lady is more carefull of her heart then of her knees, that her ſoul be ſettled aright.

* *Sanderſ. de Schiſm. Anglic. lib. 1. pag. 5.*

3

She is carefull and moſt tender of her credit and reputation. There is a tree in * Mexicana which is ſo exceedingly tender, that a man cannot touch any of his branches but it withers preſently. A Ladyes credit is of equall niceneſſe, a ſmall touch may wound and kill it; which makes her very cautious what company ſhe keeps. The Latine tongue ſeems ſomewhat injurious to the feminine ſex; for whereas therein *Amicus* is a friend, *Amica* alwayes ſignifies a Sweetheart, as if their ſex in reference to men were not capable of any other kind of familiar friendſhip but in way to marriage, which makes our Lady avoid all privacie with ſuſpicious company.

* *Doctour Heylens Microcoſ. pag. 783.*

4

Yet is ſhe not more carefull of her own credit then of Gods glory; and ſtands up valiantly in the defence thereof. She hath read how at the Coronation of King Richard the ſecond, Dame * Margaret Dimock, wife to Sr John Dimock, came into the Court and claimed the place to be the Kings Champion, by the virtue of the tenure of her Mannour of Scrinelby in Lincolnſhire, to challenge and defie all ſuch as oppoſed the Kings right to the Crown. But if our Lady heares any ſpeaking diſgracefully of God or Religion, ſhe counts her ſelf bound by her tenure (whereby ſhe holds poſſeſſion of grace here, and reverſion of glory hereafter) to aſſert and vindicate the honour of the King of Heaven, whoſe Champion ſhe profeſſeth to be. One may be a lambe in private wrongs, but in hearing generall affronts to goodneſſe, they are aſſes which are not lions.

* *She claimed the place, but her husband performed the office, Lelands Colle. Tit. 1. pag. 299.*

5

She is pitifull and bountifull to people in diſtreſſe. We reade how a daughter of the Duke of Exeter invented a brake or cruel rack to torment people withall, to which purpoſe it was long reſerved and often uſed in the

Tower of London, and commonly called (was it not fit ſo pretty a babe ſhould bear her mothers name?) The * Duke of Exeters daughter. Me thinks the finding out of a ſalve to eaſe poore people in pain had born better proportion to her Ladiſhip then to have been the inventer of inſtruments of cruelty.

* *Vid. Stowes Chron. in the reigne of King Edward the fourth.*

6 *She is a good ſcholar, and well learned in uſefull Authours.* Indeed as in purchaſes an houſe is valued at nothing, becauſe it returneth no profit, and requires great charges to maintain it; ſo for the ſame reaſons, Learning in a woman is but little to be prized. But as for great Ladyes, who ought to be a confluence of all rarities and perfections, ſome Learning in them is not onely uſefull but neceſſary.

7 *In diſcourſe her words are rather fit then fine, very choice and yet not choſen.* Though her language be not gaudy, yet the plainneſſe thereof pleaſeth, it is ſo proper, and handſomly put on. Some having *a ſet of fine phraſes* will hazard an impertinency to uſe them all, as thinking they give full ſatisfaction for dragging in the matter by head and ſhoulders, if they dreſſe it in queint expreſsions. Others often repeat the ſame things: the Platonick yeare of their diſcourſes being not above three dayes long, in which term all the ſame matter returns over again, threadbare talk ill ſuiting with the variety of their clothes.

8 *She affects not the vanity of fooliſh faſhions*; but is decently apparelled according to her ſtate and condition. He that ſhould have gueſſed the bigneſſe of Alexanders ſouldiers by their ſhields left in India, would much overproportion their true greatneſſe. But what a vaſt overgrown creature would ſome gueſſe a woman to be, taking his aim by the multitude and variety of clothes and ornaments, which ſome of them uſe: inſomuch as the ancient Latines called a womans wardrope *Mundus, a World*, wherein notwithſtanding was much *terra incognita* then undiſcovered, but ſince found

found out by the curiosity of modern Fashion-mongers. We find a mappe of this world drawn by Gods Spirit, Isaiah the third, wherein one and twenty womens ornaments (all superfluous) are reckoned up, which at this day are much encreased. *The* * *moons*, there mentioned, which they wore on their heads, may seem since grown to the full in the luxury of after-ages.

* *Isaiah.*3.18.

9 *She is contented with that beauty which God hath given her.* If very handsome, no whit the more proud, but farre the more thankfull: If unhandsome, she labours to better it in the virtues of her mind, that what is but plain cloth without may be rich plush within. Indeed such naturall defects as hinder her comfortable serving of God in her calling may be amended by art; and any member of the body being defective, may thereby be lawfully supplied. Thus glasse-eyes may be used, though not for seeing, for sightlinesse. But our Lady detesteth all adulterate complexions, finding no president thereof in the Bible save one, and her so bad, that Ladyes would blush through their paint to make her the pattern of their imitation. Yet are there many that think the grossest fault in painting is to paint grossely (making their faces with thick daubing not onely new pictures, but new statues) and that the greatest sinne therein, is to be discover'd.

10 *In her marriage she principally respects virtue and religion*, and next that, other accomodations, as we have* formerly discours'd of. And she is carefull in match not to bestow her self unworthily beneath her own degree to an ignoble person, except in case of necessity. Thus the Gentlewomen in * Champaigne in France some three hundred years since were enforced to marry Yeomen and Farmers, becaus all the Nobility in that countrey were slain in the warres in the two voyages of King Lewis to Palestine: and thereupon ever since by custome and priviledge the Gentlewomen of Champaigne

* *Vid.* 3. *Book chap. of Marriage.*

* *Andr. Favin in his Theater of Honour,* 1. *Book, chap. the* 6.

Champaigne and Brye ennoble their husbands and give them honour in marrying them, how mean soever before.

11 *Though pleasantly affected she is not transported with Court-delights* : as in their statelie Masques and Pageants. Seeing Princes cares are deeper then the cares of private men, it is fit their recreations also should be greater, that so their mirth may reach the bottome of their sadnesse : yea God allows to Princes a greater latitude of pleasure. He is no friend to the tree, that strips it of the bark ; neither do they mean well to Majesty, which would deprive it of outward shews, and State-solemnities, which the servants of Princes may in loyalty and respect present to their Sovereigne ; however, our Lady by degrees is brought from delighting in such Masques, onely to be contented to see them, and at last (perchance) could desire to be excused from that also.

12 *Yet in her reduced thoughts she makes all the sport she hath seen earnest to her self* : It must be a dry flower indeed out of which this bee sucks no honey : they are the best Origens who do allegorise all earthly vanities into heavenly truths. When she remembreth how suddenly the Scene in the Masque was altered (almost before moment it self could take notice of it) she considereth, how quickly mutable all things are in this world, God *ringing the changes* on all accidents, and making them tunable to his glorie : The lively representing of things so curiously, that Nature her self might grow jealous of Art, in outdoing her, minds our Lady to make sure work with her own soul, seeing hypocrisie may be so like to sincerity. But O what a wealthy exchequer of beauties did she there behold, severall faces most different, most excellent, (so great is the variety even in bests) what a rich mine of jewells above ground, all so brave, so costly ! To give Court-masques their due, of all the bubbles in this world they have the greatest variety

riety of fine colours. But all is quickly ended: this is the ſpight of the world, if ever ſhe affordeth fine ware, ſhe alwayes pincheth it in the meaſure, and it laſts not long: But oh, thinks our Lady, how glorious a place is Heaven, *where there are joyes for evermore.* If an herd of kine ſhould meet together to phancy and define happineſſe, they would place it to conſiſt in fine paſtures, ſweet graſſe, clear water, ſhadowie groves, conſtant ſummer, but if any winter, then warm ſhelter and dainty hay, with company after their kind, counting theſe low things the higheſt happineſſe, becauſe their conceit can reach no higher. Little better do the Heathen Poets deſcribe Heaven, paving it with pearl, and roofing it with ſtarres, filling it with Gods and Goddeſſes, and allowing them to drink (as if without it no Poets Paradiſe) Nectar and Ambroſia; Heaven indeed being *Poetarum dedecus*, the ſhame of Poets, and the diſgrace of all their Hyperboles, falling as farre ſhort of truth herein, as they go beyond it in other Fables. However the ſight of ſuch glorious earthly ſpectacles advantageth our Ladyes conceit by infinite multiplication thereof to conſider of Heaven.

13 *She reades conſtant lectures to her ſelf of her own mortality.* To ſmell to a turf of freſh earth is wholſome for the body; no leſſe are thoughts of mortality cordiall to the ſoul. *Earth thou art, to earth thou ſhalt return*: The ſight of death when it cometh will neither be ſo terrible to her, nor ſo ſtrange, who hath formerly often beheld it in her ſerious meditations. With * Job ſhe ſaith to the worm, *Thou art my ſiſter*: If fair Ladyes ſcorn to own the worms their kinred in this life, their kinred will be bold to challenge them when dead in their graves: for when the ſoul (the beſt perfume of the body) is departed from it, it becomes ſo noyſome a carcaſſe, that ſhould I make a deſcription of the lothſomneſſe thereof, ſome dainty dames would hold their noſes in reading it.

* *Job.* 17. 14.

To conclude: We reade how Henry a Germain Prince was admoniſhed by revelation to ſearch for a writing in an old wall, which ſhould nearly concern him, wherein he found onely theſe two words written, * POST SEX, AFTER SIX. Whereupon Henry conceived that his death was foretold, which after ſix dayes ſhould enſue, which made him paſſe thoſe dayes in conſtant preparation for the ſame. But finding the ſix dayes paſt without the effect he expected, he ſucceſsively perſevered in his godly reſolutions ſix weeks, ſix moneths, ſix years, and on the firſt day of the ſeventh yeare the Prophecie was fulfill'd, though otherwiſe then he interpreted it; for thereupon he was choſen Emperour of Germany, having before gotten ſuch an habit of piety that he perſiſted in his religious courſe for ever after. Thus our Lady hath ſo inur'd her ſelf *all the dayes of her appointed time to wait till her change cometh*, that expecting it every houre, ſhe is alwayes provided for that, then which nothing is more certain or uncertain.

* *Surius in vita Sancti Henr. July 14 & Baronius in Anno 1007.*

JANE GRAY *proclaimed* Queen *of* England *wife to the* Lord GILFORD DUDLEY. *She was beheaded on Tower-hill in* London *Februarie y^e 12. 1553. at 18 yeares of Age.* WM. *sculp*

Chap. 14.

The life of Ladie Jane Grey.

IAne Grey, eldeſt daughter of Henry Grey Marqueſſe of Dorſet, and Duke of Suffolk, by Francis Brandon eldeſt daughter of Charles Brandon Duke of Suffolk, and Mary his wife youngeſt daughter to King Henry the ſeventh, was by her parents bred according to her high birth in Religion and Learning. They were no whit indulgent to her in her childhood, but extremely ſevere, more then needed to ſo ſweet a

temper ; for what need iron instruments to bow wax ?

But as the sharpest winters (correcting the rankness of the earth) cause the more healthfull and fruitfull summers; so the harshness of her breeding compacted her soul to the greater patience and pietie, so that afterwards she proved the miroir of her age,and attained to be an excellent Scholar through the teaching of Mr Elmer her Master.

Once Mr Roger Ascham, coming to wait on her at Broad-gates in Leicestershire, found her in her chamber reading * Phœdon-Platonis in Greek, with as much delight as some Gentleman would have read a merry tale in Bocchace, *Whilest the Duke her father with the Dutchesse and all their houshold were hunting in the Park* : He askt of her, how she could lose such pastime ? who smiling answered, *I wisse all the sport in the Park is but the shadow of what pleasure I find in this book*,adding moreover, that one of the greatest blessings God ever gave her, was in sending her sharp parents, and a gentle Schoolmaster, which made her take delight in nothing so much as in her studies.

* *Ascham's Schoolmaster, lib. 1. fol. 10.*

About this time John Dudley Duke of Northumberland projected for the English Crown : But being too low to reach it in his own person,having no advantage of royall birth, a match was made betwixt Guilford his fourth sonne, and this Lady Jane ; the Duke hoping so to reigne in his daughter-in-law,on whom King Edward the sixth by will, passing by his own sisters, had entayled the Crown : And not long after that godly King, who had some defects, but few faults (and those rather in his age then person) came to his grave : it being uncertain whether he went, or was sent thither. If the latter be true, *the crying of this Saint under the Altar*, beneath which he was buried in King Henries Chappell (without any other monument,then that of his own virtues) hath been heard long since for avenging his bloud.

Presently

Presently after Lady Jane was proclaimed Queen of England. She lifted not up her least finger to put the Diadem on her self, but was onely contented to sit still, whilest others endeavoured to Crown her; or rather was so farre from biting at the bait of Sovereignty, that unwillingly she opened her mouth to receive it. 1553

Then was the Duke of Northumberland made Generall of an Army, and sent into Suffolk to suppresse the Lady Marie, who there gathered men to claim the Crown. This Duke was appointed out of the policie of his friend-seeming enemies for that employment: For those who before could not endure the scorching heat of his displeasure at the Counsell-table, durst afterwards oppose him, having gotten the skreen of London-walls betwixt him and them. They also stinted his journeys every day (thereby appointing the steps by which he was to go down to his own grave) that he should march on very slowly, which caused his confusion. For lingring doth tire out treacherous designes, which are to be done all on a sudden, and gives breath to loyalty to recover it self.

His army like a sheep left part of his fleece on every bush it came by, at every stage and corner some conveying themselves from him, till his Souldiers were wash'd away before any storm of warre fell upon them. Onely some few, who were chain'd to the Duke by their particular engagements, and some great Persons hopelesse to conceal themselves, as being too bigge for a cover, stuck fast unto him. Thus those enterprises need a strong hand which are thrown against the bias of peoples hearts and consciences. And not long after the Norfolk and Suffolk Protestant Gentry (Loyalty alwayes lodgeth in the same breast with true Religion) proclaimed and set up Queen Marie, who got the Crown by *Our Father*, and held it by *Pater noster*.

Then was the late Queen, now Lady Jane Grey, brought from a Queen to a prisoner, and committed to the Tower. She made misery it self amiable by her pious and patient behaviour : Adversity, her night-clothes, becoming her as well as her day-dressing, by reason of her pious deportment.

During her imprisonment many moved her to alter her religion, and especially Mr Fecnam sent unto her by Queen Mary : but how wisely and religiously she answer'd him, I referre the Reader to Mr Fox,* where it is largely recorded.

* *Acts & Monum. pag. 1419. & deinceps.*

And because I have mentioned that Book, wherein this Ladyes virtues are so highly commended, I am not ignorant that of late great disgrace hath been thrown on that Authour, and his worthy Work, as being guilty of much falsehood: chiefly because sometimes he makes Popish Doctours, well known to be rich in learning, to reason very poorely, and the best Fencers of their Schools worsted and put out of their play by some countrey poore Protestants. But let the cavillers hereat know, that it is a great matter to have the oddes of the weapon, Gods word on their side; not to say any thing of supernaturall assistance given them. Sure for the main, his Book is a worthy work (wherein the Reader may rather leave then lack) and seems to me, like Ætna, alwayes burning, whilest the smoke hath almost put out the eyes of the adverse party, and these *Foxes firebrands* have brought much annoyance to the *Romish Philistines*. But it were a miracle if in so voluminous a work there were nothing to be justly reproved; so great a Pomgranate not having any rotten kernell must onely grow in paradise. And though perchance he held the beam at the best advantage for the Protestant party to weigh down, yet generally he is a true Writer, and never wilfully deceiveth, though he may sometimes be unwillingly deceived.

To

To return to the Lady Jane: Though Queen Marie of her own disposition was inclined finally to pardon her, yet necessity of State was such, as she must be put to death. Some report her to have been with child when she was beheaded (cruelty to cut down the tree with blossomes on it) and that that which hath saved the life of many women hastned her death; but God onely knows the truth hereof. On Tower-hill she most patiently, Christianly, and constantly yielded to God her soul, which by a bad way went to the best end. On whom the foresaid Authour (whence the rest of her life may be supplied) bestows these verses, 1553. *Feb.* 12.

Nescio tu quibus es, Lector, lecturus ocellis:
Hoc scio, quod siccis scribere non potui.

What eyes thou readst with, Reader, know I not:
Mine were not dry, when I this story wrote.

She had the innocency of childhood, the beauty of youth, the solidity of middle, the gravity of old age, and all at eighteen: the birth of a Princesse, the learning of a Clerk, the life of a Saint, yet the death of a Malefactour, for her parents offenses. I confesse, I never read of any canonized Saint of her name, a thing whereof some Papists are so scrupulous, that they count it an unclean and unhallowed thing to be of a name whereof never any Saint was: which made that great Jesuit Arthur Faunt (as his *kinsman tell's us) change his Christian name to Laurence. But let this worthy Lady passe for a Saint; and let all great Ladyes, which bear her name, imitate her virtues, to whom I wish her inward holinesse, but farre more outward happinesse. **Burton of Leicestershire pag.* 105.

Yet lest Goodnesse should be discouraged by this Ladyes infelicity, we will produce another example, which shall be of a fortunate virtue.

ELIZABETH Queen *of* England. *She dyed at* Richmond *the* 24th *of March* 1602. *in the* 44th *yeare of Her Raign and* 70th *of Her Life.*

W Marshall sculp:

Chap. 15.

The life of Queen Elisabeth.

WE intermeddle not with her descriptiõ as she was a Sovereigne Prince, too high for our pen, and performed by others already, though not by any done so fully, but that still room is left for the endeavours of Posterity to adde thereunto. We consider her onely as she was a worthy Lady, her private virtues rendring her to the imitation, and her publick to the admiration of all.

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Her royall birth by her Fathers ſide doth comparatively make her Mother-deſcent ſeem low, which otherwiſe conſidered in it ſelf was very noble and honourable. As for the bundle of ſcandalous aſperſions by ſome caſt on her birth, they are beſt to be buried without once * opening of them. For as the baſeſt raſcall will preſume to miſcall the beſt Lord, when farre enough out of his hearing; ſo ſlanderous tongues think they may run riot in railing on any, when once got out of the diſtance of time, and reach of confutation.

* *See theſe ſlanders plainly confuted in Anti-Sander. Dialog. 2. pag. 125. & deinceps.*

But Majeſty which dyeth not will not ſuffer it ſelf to be ſo abuſed, ſeeing the beſt aſſurance which living Princes have, that their memories ſhall be honourably continued, is founded (next to their own deſerts) in the maintaining of the unſtained reputation of their Predeceſſours. Yea divine Juſtice ſeems herein to be a compurgatour of the parents of Queen Elizabeth, in that Nicholas Sanders, a Popiſh Prieſt, the firſt raiſer of theſe wicked reports, was accidentally famiſhed as he roved up and down in Ireland; either becauſe it was juſt he ſhould be ſterved that formerly ſurfeted with lying, or becauſe that Iland out of a naturall antipathy againſt poyſonous creatures would not lend life to ſo venemous a ſlanderer.

Under the reigne of her Father, and Brother King Edward the ſixth, (who commonly called her his Siſter Temperance) ſhe lived in a Princely faſhion. But the caſe was altered with her when her Siſter Mary came to the Crown, who ever look'd upon her with a jealous eye and frowning face: chiefly, becauſe of the difference betwixt them in religion. For though Queen Mary is ſaid of her ſelf not ſo much as to have bark'd, yet ſhe had under her thoſe who did more then bite; and rather her religion then diſpoſition was guilty in countenancing their cruelty by her authority.

This antipathy againſt her Siſter Elizabeth was encreaſed with the remembrance how Katharine Dowager, Queen Maries Mother, was juſtled out of the bed of Henry the eighth by Anna Bullen, Mother to Queen Elizabeth: ſo that theſe two Siſters were born, as I may ſay, not onely in ſeverall but oppoſite horizons, ſo that the elevation and bright appearing of the one inferr'd the neceſſary obſcurity and depreſsion of the other; & ſtill Qu. Mary was troubled with this *fit of the Mother*, which incenſed her againſt this her half Siſter.

To which two grand cauſes of oppoſition, this third may alſo be added, becauſe not ſo generally known, though in it ſelf of leſſer conſequence. Queen Mary had releaſed Edward Courtney Earl of Devonſhire out of the Tower, where long he had been detained priſoner, a Gentleman of a beautifull body, ſweet nature, and royall deſcent, intending him, as it was generally conceived, to be an husband for her ſelf. For when the ſaid Earl petitioned the Queen for leave to travel ſhe adviſed him rather to marry, enſuring him that no Lady in the land, how high ſoever, would refuſe him for an husband; and urging him to make his choyce where he pleaſed, ſhe pointed her ſelf out unto him as plainly as might ſtand with the modeſty of a maid, and Majeſty of a Queen. Hereupon the young Earl (whether becauſe that his long durance had ſome influence on his brain, or that naturally his face was better then his head, or out of ſome private phancie and affection to the Lady Elizabeth, or out of loyall baſhfulneſſe, not preſuming to climbe higher, but expecting to be call'd up) is ſaid to have requeſted the Queen for leave to marry her Siſter the Lady Elizabeth, unhappy that his choyce either went ſo high or no higher: For who could have ſpoken worſe Treaſon againſt Mary (though not againſt the Queen) then to preferre her Siſter before her? and ſhe, innocent Lady, did afterwards dearly pay the ſcore of this Earls indiſcretion.

For

For these reasons Lady Elizabeth was closely kept and narrowly sifted all her Sisters reigne, Sr Bedenifield her keeper using more severity towards her then his place required, yea more then a good man should, or a wiseman would have done. No doubt the least tripping of her foot should have cost her the losing of her head, if they could have caught her to be privy to any conspiracies.

This Lady as well deserved the title of Elizabeth *the Confessour* as ever Edward her ancient predecessour did. Mr Ascham was a good Schoolmaster to her, but affliction was a better, so that it is hard to say whether she was more happy in having a Crown so soon, or in having it no sooner, till affliction had first laid in her a low (and therefore sure) foundation of humility, for highnesse to be afterwards built thereupon.

We bring her now from the Crosse to the Crown; and come we now to describe the rare endowments of her mind, when behold her virtues almost stifle my pen, they crowd in so fast upon it.

She was an excellent Scholar, understanding the Greek, and perfectly speaking the Latine: witnesse her extempore speech in answer to the Polish Embassadour, and another at Cambridge, *Et si fœminilis iste meus pudor* (for so it began) elegantly making the word * *Fœminilis*: and well might she mint one new word, who did * refine so much new gold and silver. Good skill she had in the French, and Italian, using Interpreters not for need but state. She was a good Poet in English, and fluently made verses. In her time of persecution, when a Popish Priest pressed her very hardly to declare her opinion concerning the presence of Christ in the Sacrament, she truly and warily presented her judgement in these verses,

'Twas God the Word that spake it,
He took the bread and brake it;
And what the Word did make it,
That I believe and take it.

* *See her oration at large in Holinshead, p. 1026.*

* Moneta ad suum valorem reducta *is part of the Epitaph on her Tombe.*

And though perchance ſome may ſay this was but the beſt of ſhifts, and the worſt of anſwers, becauſe the diſtinct manner of the Preſence muſt be believed; yet none can deny it to have been a wiſe return to an adverſary who lay at wait for all advantages. Nor was her Poetick vein leſſe happy in Latine. When a little before the Spaniſh Invaſion in eighty eight, the Spaniſh Embaſſadour (after a larger repreſentation of his Maſters demands) had ſummed up the effect thereof in a Tetraſtich, ſhe inſtantly in one verſe rejoined her anſwer. We will preſume to Engliſh both, though confeſsing the Latine loſeth luſtre by the Tranſlation.

Te veto ne pergas bello defendere Belgas:
Quæ Dracus eripuit nunc reſtituentur oportet:
Quas Pater evertit jubeo te condere cellas:
Relligio Papæ fac reſtituetur ad unguem.
Theſe to you are our commands,
Send no help to th' Netherlands:
Of the treaſure took by Drake,
Reſtitution you muſt make:
And thoſe Abbies build anew,
Which your Father overthrew:
If for any peace you hope,
In all points reſtore the Pope.
The Queens extempore return,
Ad Græcas, bone Rex, fient mandata calendas.
Worthy King, know this your will
At latter lammas wee'l fulfill.

Her piety to God was exemplary, none more conſtant or devout in private prayers; very attentive alſo at Sermons, wherein ſhe was better affected with ſoundneſſe of matter, then queintneſſe of expreſsion: She could not well digeſt the affected over-elegancy of ſuch as prayed for her by the title of *defendreſſe of the faith* and not the *Defender*, it being no falſe conſtruction to apply a maſculine word to ſo heroick a ſpirit.

She was very devout in returning thanks to God for her

her constant and continuall preservations; for one traitours stabbe was scarce put by, before another took aim at her: But as if the poysons of treason by custome were turn'd naturall unto her, by Gods protection they did her no harm. In any designe of consequence she loved to be long, and well advised; but where her resolutions once seis'd, she would never let go her hold, according to her motto, *Semper eadem.*

By her Temperance she improved that stock of health which Nature bestowed on her, using little wine, and lesse Physick. Her Continence from pleasures was admirable, and she the Paragon of spotlesse chastity, what ever some Popish Priests (who count all virginity hid under a Nunnes veil) have feigned to the contrary. The best is, their words are no slander, whose words are all slander, so given to railing, that they must be dumbe if they do not blaspheme Magistrates. * One Jesuit made this false Anagram on her name,

Elizabeth.
* *Jezabel.*

false both in matter and manner. For allow it the abatement of H, (as all Anagrams must sue in Chancery for moderate favour) yet was it both unequall and ominous that T, a solid letter, should be omitted, the presage of the gallows whereon this Anagrammatist was afterwards justly executed.

Yea let the testimony of Pope * Sixtus Quintus himself be believed, who professed that amongst all the Princes in Christendome he found but two which were worthy to bear command, had they not been stained with heresie, namely Henry the fourth, King of France, and Elizabeth Queen of England. And we may presume that the Pope, if commending his enemy, is therein infallible.

We come to her death, the discourse whereof was more welcome to her from the mouth of her private Confessour, then from a publick Preacher; and she

* *Edmond Campian.*

* *Our English Bibles call her Jezabel.*

* *Thuan. Hist. lib. 82.*

loved rather to tell her ſelf, then to be told of her mortality, becauſe the open mention thereof made (as ſhe conceived) her ſubjects divide their loyalty betwixt the preſent and the future Prince. We need look into no other cauſe of her ſickneſſe then old age, being ſeventy years old (Davids age) to which no King of England ſince the Conqueſt did attain. Her weakneſſe was encreaſed by her removall from London to Richmond in a cold winter day, ſharp enough to pierce thorow thoſe who were arm'd with health and youth. Alſo melancholy (the worſt naturall Paraſite, whoſoever feeds him ſhall never be rid of his company) much afflicted her, being given over to ſadneſſe and ſilence.

Then prepared ſhe her ſelf for another world, being more conſtant in prayer, and pious exerciſes then ever before: yet ſpake ſhe very little to any, ſighing out more then ſhe ſaid, and making ſtill muſick to God in her heart. And as the red roſe, though outwardly not ſo fragrant, is inwardly farre more cordiall then the damask, being more thrifty of its ſweetneſſe, and reſerving it in it ſelf; ſo the religion of this dying Queen was moſt turn'd inward in ſoliloquies betwixt God and her own ſoul, though ſhe wanted not outward expreſsions thereof. When her ſpeech fail'd her, ſhe ſpake with her heart, tears, eyes, hands, and other ſignes, ſo commending herſelf to God the beſt interpreter, who underſtands what his Saints deſire to ſay. Thus dyed Queen Elizabeth, whileſt living, the firſt maid on earth, and when dead, the ſecond in heaven.

Surely the kingdome had dyed with their Queen, had not the fainting ſpirits thereof been refreſh'd by the coming in of gratious King James.

She was of perſon, tall; of hair and complexion, fair, well-favoured, but high-noſed; of limbes and feature, neat; of a ſtately and majeſtick deportment.

She

She had a piercing eye wherewith ſhe uſed to touch what metall ſtrangers were made of, which came into her preſence. But as ſhe counted it a pleaſant conqueſt with her Majeſtick look to daſh ſtrangers out of countenance, ſo ſhe was mercifull in purſuing thoſe whom ſhe overcame, and afterwards would cheriſh and comfort them with her ſmiles, if perceiving towardlineſſe, and an ingenuous modeſty in them. She much affected rich and coſtly apparell; and if ever jewells had juſt cauſe to be proud, it was with her wearing them.

Chap. 16.

The Embaſſadour.

He is one that repreſents his King in a forrein countrey (as a Deputy doth in his own Dominions) under the aſſurance of the publick faith, authorized by the Law of Nations. He is either Extraordinary for ſome one affair with time limited, or Ordinary for generall matters during his Princes pleaſure, commonly called a Legier.

He is born, made, or at leaſt wiſe qualified honourably, both for the honour of the ſender, and him to whom he is ſent; eſpecially if the ſolemnity of the action wherein he is employed conſiſteth in ceremony and magnificence. Lewis the eleventh King of France is ſufficiently condemn'd by Poſterity for ſending Oliver his Barber in an Embaſſage to a Princeſſe, who ſo trimly diſpatch'd his buſineſſe, that he left it in the ſuddes, and had been well waſh'd in the river * at Gant for his pains, if his feet had not been the more nimble. *Maxime* 1

He is of a proper, at leaſt paſſable perſon. Otherwiſe if he be of a contemptible preſence, he is abſent whileſt he is preſent; eſpecially if employed in love-buſineſſes to advance a marriage. Ladyes will diſlike the body for a deformed ſhadow. The jeſt is well known: When the 2

* *Comin. lib. 5. cap. 14.*

the State of Rome sent* two Embassadours, the one having scarres on his head, the other lame in his feet, *Mittit populus Romanus legationem quæ nec caput habet, nec pedes*, The people of Rome send an Embassy without head or feet.

* *Some say they sent three, and one of them a fool, and that Cato should say they sent an Embassy without head, heart, or feet. See Plutarchs Lives.*

3 *He hath a competent estate whereby to maintain his port* : for a great poverty is ever suspected ; and he that hath a breach in his estate lies open to be assaulted with bribes. Wherefore his means ought at least to be sufficient both to defray set and constant charges, as also to make sallies and excursions of expenses on extraordinary occasions, which we may call Supererogations of State. Otherwise if he be indigent and succeed a bountifull Predecessour, he will seem a fallow field after a plentifull crop.

4 *He is a passable scholar, well travell'd in Countreys and Histories* ; well studyed in the Pleas of the Crown, I mean not such as are at home, betwixt his Sovereigne and his subjects, but abroad betwixt his and forrein Princes ; to this end he is well skill'd in the Emperiall Laws. Common Law it self is outlawed beyond the seas ; which though a most true, is too short a measure of right, and reacheth not forrein kingdomes.

5 *He well understandeth the language of that countrey to which he is sent* ; and yet he desires rather to seem ignorant of it (if such a simulation which stands neuter betwixt a Truth and a Lie be lawfull) and that for these reasons: first, because though he can speak it never so exactly, his eloquence therein will be but stammering, compar'd to the ordinary talk of the Natives : secondly, hereby he shall in a manner stand invisible, and view others ; and as Josephs deafnesse heard all the dialogues betwixt his brethren, so his not owning to understand the language, shall expose their talk the more open unto him : thirdly, he shall have the more advantage to speak and negotiate in his own language, at the least wise, if he cannot make them come over to him, he may

may meet them in the midway, in the Latine, a ſpeech common to all learned Nations.

6 *He gets his Commiſsion and inſtructions well ratified and confirm'd before he ſets forth.* Otherwiſe it is the worſt priſon to be commiſsion-bound. And ſeeing he muſt not jet out the leaſt penthouſe beyond his foundation, he had beſt well ſurvey the extent of his authority.

7 *He furniſheth himſelf with fit Officers in his family.* Eſpecially he is carefull in chooſing

1 A Secretary, honeſt and able, carefull to conceal counſels, and not ſuch a one as will let drop out of his mouth whatſoever is poured in at his eare: Yea the head of every Embaſſadour ſleeps on the breaſt of his Secretary.

2 A Steward, wiſe and provident, ſuch as can temper magnificence with moderation, judiciouſly faſhioning his ordinary expences with his Maſters eſtate, reſerving a ſpare for all events and accidentall occaſions, and making all things to paſſe with decency, without any rudeneſſe, noiſe, or diſorder.

8 *He ſeaſonably preſents his Embaſſage, and demands audience.* Such is the freſh nature of ſome Embaſſages, if not ſpent preſently, they ſent ill. Thus it is ridiculous to condole griefs almoſt forgotten, for (beſides that with a cruell courteſie it makes their ſorrows bleed afreſh) it fooliſhly ſeems to teach one to take that, which he hath formerly digeſted. When ſome Trojane Embaſſadours came to comfort Tiberius Ceſar for the loſſe of his ſonne, dead well nigh a twelvemoneth before; *And I* (ſaid the Emperour) *am very ſorry for your grief for the death of your Hector, ſlain by Achilles a thouſand years ſince.* *Suetonius in Tiberio.*

9 *Coming to have audience, he applyeth himſelf onely to the Prince to whom he is ſent.* When Chancellour Morvill, Embaſſadour from the French King, delivering his meſſage to Philip Duke of Burgundy was interrupted

* *Comin. lib.* 1.

by Charles the Dukes * ſonne, *I am ſent* (ſaid he) *not to treat with you, but with your father.* And our Mr Wade is highly commended that being ſent by Queen Elizabeth to Philip King of Spain, he would not be turned * over to the Spaniſh Privy Counſel (whoſe greateſt Grandees were dwarfs in honour to his Queen) but would either have audience from the King himſelf, or would return without it. And yet afterwards our Embaſſadour knows (if deſirous that his buſineſſe ſhould take effect) how, and when to make his ſecret and underhand addreſſes to ſuch potent Favourites as ſtrike the ſtroke in the State; it often hapning in Commonwealths, that the Maſters mate ſteers the ſhip thereof, more then the Maſter himſelf.

* *Cambd. Eliz. in Anno* 1584. *pag.* 380.

10 *In delivering his meſſage he complies with the garb and guiſe of the countrey*; either longer, briefer, more plain, or more flouriſhing, as it is moſt acceptable to ſuch to whom he directs his ſpeech. The Italians (whoſe countrey is called *the countrey of good words*) love the circuits of courteſie, that an Embaſſadour ſhould not as a ſparrow-hawk flie outright to his prey, and meddle preſently with the matter in hand, but with the noble falcon mount in language, ſoar high, fetch compaſſes of complement, and then in due time ſtoop to game, and ſeiſe on the buſineſſe propounded. Clean contrary the Switzers (who ſent word to the King of France, not to ſend them an Embaſſadour with ſtore of words, but a Treaſurer with plenty of money) count all words quite out, which are not ſtraight on, have an antipathy againſt eloquent language; the flowers of Rhetorick being as offenſive to them, as ſweet perfumes to ſuch as are troubled with the Mother. Yea generally great ſouldiers have their ſtomachs ſharp ſet to feed on the matter, lothing long ſpeeches, as wherein they conceive themſelves to loſe time, in which they could conquer half a countrey, and, counting bluntneſſe their beſt eloquence, love to be accoſted in their own kind.

He

He commands himſelf not to admire any thing preſented unto him. He looks, but not gazeth, on forrein magnificence (as countrey clowns on a city) beholding them with a familiar eye, as challenging old acquaintance having known them long before. If he be ſurpriſed with a ſudden wonder, he ſo orders it, that though his ſoul within feels an admiration, none can perceive it without in his countenance. For 11

1 It is inconſiſtent with the ſteddineſſe of his gravity to be ſtartled with a wonder.

2 Admiration is the daughter of ignorance: whereas he ought to be ſo read in the world as to be poſed with no rarity.

3 It is a tacit confeſsion (if he wonders at State, Strength, or Wealth) that herein his own Maſters kingdome is farre ſurpaſſ'd. And yet he will not ſlight and neglect ſuch worthy ſights as he beholds, which would ſavour to much of ſullenneſſe and ſelf-addiction, things ill beſeeming his noble ſpirit.

He is zealous of the leaſt puntillo's of his Maſters honour. 12 Herein 'tis moſt true, the Law of honour *ſervanda in apicibus*: Yea a toy may be reall, and a point may be eſſentiall to the ſenſe of ſome ſentences, and worſe to be ſpared then ſome whole letter. Great Kings wreſtle together by the ſtrength and nimbleneſſe of their Embaſſadours; wherefore Embaſſadours are carefull to afford no advantages to the adverſe party: and mutually no more hold is given, then what is gotten, leſt the fault of the Embaſſadour be drawn into preſident to the prejudice of his Maſter. He that abroad will loſe an hair of his Kings honour deſerves to loſe his own head when he comes home.

He appears not violent in deſiring any thing he would effect; 13 but with a ſeeming careleſneſſe moſt carefully advanceth his Maſters buſineſſe. If employed to conclude a Peace, he repreſents his Maſter as indifferent therein

for his own part, but that desiring to spare Christian bloud, preponderates him for Peace, whose conscience, not purse or arms are weary of the warre: He entreats not, but treats for an accord, for their mutuall good. But if the Embassadour declareth himself zealous for it, perchance he may be forced to buy those conditions, which otherwise would be given him.

14 *He is constantly and certainly inform'd of all passages in his own Countrey.* What a shame is it for him to be a stranger to his native affairs? Besides, if gulls and rumours from his Countrey be raised on purpose to amuse our Embassadour, he rather smiles then starts at these false vizards, who by private instructions from home knows the true face of his Countrey-estate. And lest his Masters Secretary should fail him herein, he counts it thrift to cast away some pounds yearly to some private friend in the Court to send him true information of all home-remarkables.

15 *He carefully returns good intelligence to his Master that employeth him.*

1. Speedy. Not being such a sluggard as to write for news at noon, That the Sunne is risen.
2. True; so farre forth as may be: else he stamps it with a mark of uncertainty or suspicion.
3. Full: not filling the paper, but informing those to whom it is written.
4. Materiall: not grinding his advises too small, to frivolous particulars of love-toyes, and private brawls, as * one layeth it to the charge of Francis Guicciardines Historie, *Minutissima quæque narrat, parum ex lege aut dignitate Historiæ.* And yet such particulars which are too mean to be served up to the Counsel-Table, may make a feast for Ladies, or other his friends; and therefore to such our Embassadour relates them by his private letters.

* *Lipsius in the end of his Politicks, in his censure of Historians.*

5. Methodi-

5. Methodicall: not running on all in a continued strain, but stopping at the stages of different businesses to breath himself and the Reader, and to take and begin a new sentence.
6. Well-penned, clear and plain, not hunting after language, but teaching words their distance to wait on his matter, intermingling sententious speeches sparingly, lest seeming affected. And if constrained twice to write the same matter, still he varieth his words, lest he may seem to write like Notaries by presidents.

16 *He will not have his house serve as a retreating-place for people suspected and odious*, in that State wherein he is employed. Much lesse shall his house be a Sanctuary for Offenders, seeing the very horns of Gods Altar did push away from them such notorious Malefactours as did flie unto them for protection.

17 *He is cautious not to practice any treacherous act against the Prince under whom he lives*: lest the Shield of his Embassy prove too small to defend him from the Sword of Justice, seeing that for such an offense an Embassadour is resolved into a private man, and may worthily be punished, as in the cases of Bernardinus Mendoza and the Bishop of * Rosse. Yea he will not so much as break forth publickly into any discourse which he knows will be distastfull in that Countrey wherein he is employed. Learned Bodin, who some seventy years since waited on Monsieur into England, was here, though highly admired for his learning, condemned much for his indiscretion, if his *corrivals pen may be credited. For being feasted at an English Lords table, he fell into the odious discourse, That a Princesse, meaning Mary Queen of Scots, was after Queen Elizabeth the presumptive Inheritrix of the English Crown, notwithstanding an English Law seemed to exclude those which are born out of the land; *And yet*, said he, *I know not where this Law is, for all*

* *See his case largely discussed in Cambd. Elizab. by the best Civilians, Anno 1571.*

* *Franciſc. Hottoman in his Treatise of an Embass. fol. 42.*

the diligence that I have used to find it out: To whom it was suddenly replyed by the Lord that entertain'd him, *You shall find it written on the backside of your Salick Law*: a judicious and biting rebound.

18 *He is carefull of suspicious complying with that Prince to whom he is sent*: as to receive from him any extraordinary gifts, much lesse pensions, which carry with them more then an appearance of evil. Sr * Amias Paulet was so scrupulous herein, that being Embassadour in France in the dayes of Queen Elizabeth he would not at his departure receive from the French King the chain of gold (wich is given of course) till he was half a league out of the city of Paris.

* *Idem. fol.* 23, 24.

19 *If he hath any* libera mandata, *unlimited instructions, herein his discretion is most admirable.*

But what go I about to do? hereof enough already, if not too much: it better complying with my profession to practice S. Pauls precept to mine own parishioners, * *Now then we are Embassadours for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us, we pray you in Christs stead, be reconciled to God.*

* 2. *Cor.* 5. 20.

Chap. 17.

The good Generall.

THe Souldier, whom we formerly described, hath since by the stairs of his own deserts climb'd up to be a Generall, and now we come, to character him.

Maxime 1 *He is pious in the ordering of his own life.* Some falsely conceive that Religion spoyleth the spirit of a Generall, as bad as a rainy-day doth his plume of feathers, making it droop, and hang down; whereas indeed Piety onely begets true Prowesse.

2 *He acknowledgeth God the Generalissimo of all armies*; who in all battels, though the number be never so unequall,

quall, reserves the casting voice for himself. Yet can I scarce believe what * one tells us, how Walter Pletemberg, Master of the Teutonick order, with a small number slew in a battel an hundred thousand Muscovite enemies with the losse of but one man on his side.

* *Tilman Bredenbach .de bello Livon. & Fitz Herbert of Policy & Religion, part. 1. cap. 14.*

3 *He hath gained skill in his place by long experience:* not beginning to lead others before himself ever knew to follow, having never before (except in Cock-matches) beheld any battels. Surely they leap best in their providence forward, who fetch their rise fartheſt backward in their experience.

4 *He either is, or is presumed valiant.* Indeed courage in him is necessary, though some think that a Generall is above valour, who may command others to be so. As if it were all one whether courage were his naturally, or by adoption, who can make the valiant deeds of others seem his own; and his reputation for personall manhood once raiſ'd, will bear it self up; like a round body, some force is required to set it, but a touch will keep it agoing. Indeed it is extreme indiscretion (except in extremities) for him to be prodigall of his person.

5 *He is cheerfull and willing in undergoing of labour.* Admirable are the miracles of an industrious armie, witnesse the mighty ditch in Cambridge-shire made by the East-Angles, commonly call'd *Devils-ditch*, as if the Pioners thereof came from hell. Thus the effeminateneſse of our age, defaming what it should imitate, falsely traduces the monuments of their Ancestours endeavours.

6 *He loves, and is beloved of his souldiers.* Whose good will he attaineth,

1. By giving them good words in his speeches unto them. When wages have sometimes accidentally fallen short, souldiers have accepted the payment in the fair language and promises of their Generall. 2. By

2. By partaking with his ſouldiers in their painfull employments. When the Engliſh, at the Spaniſh Fleets approch in eightie eight, drew their ſhips out of Plimouth haven, the Lord Admirall Howard himſelf* towed a cable, the leaſt joynt of whoſe exemplarie hand drew more then twentie men beſides.

* *Cambden. Elizab. Anno 1588.*

3. By ſharing with them in their wants. When victuals have grown ſcant, ſome Generalls have pinched themſelves to the ſame fare with their ſouldiers, who could not complain that their meſſe was bad, whileſt their Generall was Fellow-commoner with them.

4. By taking notice, and rewarding of their deſerts; never disinheriting a worthy ſouldier of his birthright, of the next Office due unto him. For a worthy man is wounded more deeply by his own Generalls neglect, then by his enemies ſword: The latter may kill him, but the former deads his courage, or, which is worſe, mads it into diſcontent; Who had rather others ſhould make a ladder of his dead corps to ſcale a city by it, then a bridge of him whileſt alive for his punies to give him the *Goe-by*, and paſſe over him to preferment. For this reaſon chiefly (beſide ſome others) a great and valiant Engliſh Generall in the daies of Queen Elizabeth was hated of his ſouldiers, becauſe he diſpoſed Offices by his own abſolute will, without reſpect of orderly advancing ſuch as deſerved it, which made a Great man once ſalute him with this letter: *Sr, if you will be pleaſed to beſtow a Captains place on the bearer hereof, being a worthy Gentleman, he ſhall do that for you which never as yet any ſouldier did, namely pray to God for your health and happineſſe.*

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He is fortunate in what he undertakes. Such a one was Julius Ceſar, who in * Brittain, a countrey undiſcovered,

* *Ceſar. Comment. lib. 4.*

vered, peopled with a valiant Nation, began a warre in Autumne, without apparent advantage, not having any intelligence there, being to passe over the sea into a colder climate (an enterprise, saith * one, well worthy the invincible courage of Cesar, but not of his accustomed prudence) and yet returned victorious. Indeed God is the sole disposer of successe: Other gifts he also scattereth amongst men, yet so that they themselves scramble to gather them up; whereas successe God gives immediately into their hands, on whom he pleaseth to bestow it.

**The Duke of Rohan in the complete Captain, pag. 19.*

8 *He tryeth the forces of a new enemy before he encounters him.* Sampson is half conquered, when it is known where his strength lies; and skirmishes are scouts for the discovery of the strength of an army, before battel be given.

9 *He makes his flying enemy a bridge of gold,* and disarms them of their best weapon, which is necessity to fight whether they will or no. Men forced to a battel against their intention often conquer beyond their expectation: stop a flying coward, and he will turn his legges into arms, and lay about him manfully; whereas open him a passage to escape, and he will quickly shut up his courage.

But I dare dwell no longer on this subject. When the Pope earnestly wrote to King Richard the first, not to detain in prison *his dear sonne*, the Martiall Bishop of Beavois, the King sent the Pope back the armour wherein the Bishop was taken, with the words of Jacobs sonnes to their Father, *See whether or no this be the coat of thy sonne.* Surely a corslet is no canonicall coat for me, nor suits it with my Clergy-profession to proceed any further in this warlike description; onely we come to give an example thereof.

GUSTAVUS Adolphus *the pious and Valiant King of Sweden. He was slaine in the Battell at* Lutzen, *the 16 of November 1632. Aged 38 yeares.* W. M. *sculp:*

CHAP. 18.

The life of GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS *King of Sweden.*

GUstavus Adolphus King of Sweden, born *Anno Domini* 1594 had princely education both for Arts and Armes. In Italie he learnt the Mathematicks, and in other places abroad, the French, Italian, and Germane tongues, and after he was King, he travelled under the name of M.r * G. A. R. S. being the foure initiall letters of his name, and title.

* *Gustavus Adolph. Rex Suecorum Dr. Wats in charact. ad finem 3. part. p. 183.*

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He was but seventeen years old at his Fathers death, being left not onely a young King, but also in a young kingdome; for his title to the Crown of Sweden was but five years old, to wit since the beginning of his Fathers reigne. All his bordering Princes (on the North nothing but the North bounded on him) were his enemies; the Duke-Emperour of Muscovy on the East, the King of Denmark on the West, and of Poland on the South: The former two laid claim to parcels, the latter, to all his kingdome. Yet was he too great for them in his minority, both defending his own, and gaining on them. *Wo be to the kingdome whose King is a child*, yet blessed is that kingdome whose King, though a child in age, is a man in worth.

These his first actions had much of glory, and yet somewhat of possibility and credit in them. But Chronicle and belief must strain hard to make his Germane Conquest probable with posterity; coming in with eleven thousand men, having no certain confederates, but some of his alliance, whom the Emperour had outed of all their estates: And yet in two years and foure moneths he left the Emperour in as bad a case almost, as he found those Princes in.

Gods Providence herein is chiefly to be admired, who to open him a free entrance into Germany, diverted the Imperiall and Spanish forces into Italy, there to scramble against the French for the Dukedome of Mantua. For heaven onely knows how much Protestant flesh the Imperialists had devoured, if that bone had not stuck in their teeth.

If we look on second causes, we may ascribe his victories to this Kings piety, wisedome, valour, and other virtues. His piety to God was exemplary, being more addicted to prayer then to fight, as if he would rather conquer Heaven then Earth. He was himself exceeding temperate, save onely too much given to anger, but afterwards he would correct himself, and

be cholerick with his choler, ſhewing himſelf a man in the one, and a Saint in the other.

He was a ſtrict obſerver of Martiall diſcipline, the life of Warre, without which an Army is but a crowd (not to ſay herd) of people. He would march all day in complete armour, which was by cuſtome no more burthen to him then his armes, and to carry his helmet, no more trouble then his head; whileſt his example made the ſame eaſie to all his ſouldiers. He was a ſtrict puniſher of miſdemeanours and wanton intemperance in his camp: And yet let me relate this ſtory from one preſent therein.

When firſt he entred Germany, he perceived how that many women followed his ſouldiers, ſome being their wives, and ſome wanting nothing to make them ſo but marriage, yet moſt paſsing for their landreſſes, though commonly defiling more then they waſh. The King coming to a great river, after his men and the wagons were paſſed over, cauſed the bridge to be broken down, hoping ſo to be rid of theſe feminine impediments; but they one a ſudden lift up a panick ſchrick which pierced the skies, and the ſouldiers hearts on the other ſide of the river, who inſtantly vowed not to ſtirre a foot farther, except with baggage, and that the women might be fetch'd over, which was done accordingly. For the King finding this ill humour ſo generally diſperſ'd in his men, that it was dangerous to purge it all at once, ſmiled out his anger for the preſent, and permitted what he could not amend: yet this abuſe was afterwards reformed by degrees.

He was very mercifull to any that would ſubmit. And as the iron gate miraculouſly opened to S. Peter of its own accord, ſo his mercy wrought miracles, making many city-gates open to him of themſelves, before he ever knock'd at them to demand entrance, the inhabitants deſiring to ſhroud themſelves under his protection. Yea he was mercifull to thoſe places which

which he took by assault, ever detesting the bloudinesse of Tilly at Magdenburg, under the ashes whereof he buried his honour, coming valiant thither, and departing cruell thence. In such cases he was mercifull to women (not like those Generalls who know the differences of Sex in their lust, but not in their anger) yea the very Jesuites themselves tasted of his courtesie, though merrily he laid to their charge, that they would neither *Preach faith* to, nor *keep faith* with others.

He had the true art (almost lost) of Encamping, where he would lie in his Trenches in despight of all enemies, keeping the clock of his own time, and would fight for no mans pleasure but his own. No seeming flight or disorder of his enemies should cousen him into a battel, nor their daring bravado's anger him into it, nor any violence force him to fight, till he thought fitting himself, counting it good manners in Warre to take all, but give no advantages.

It was said of his Armies, that they used to rise when the swallows went to bed, when winter began, his forces most consisting of Northern Nations, and *a Swede fights best when he can see his own breath.* He alwayes kept a long vacation in the dog-dayes, being onely a saver in the summer, and a gainer all the yeare besides. His best harvest was in the snow; and his souldiers had most life in the dead of winter.

He made but a short cut in taking of cities, many of whose fortifications were a wonder to behold; but what were they then to assault and conquer? at scaling of walls he was excellent for contriving, as his souldiers in executing: it seeming a wonder that their bodies should be made of aire, so light to climbe, whose armes were of iron, so heavy to strike. Such cities as would not presently open unto him, he shut them up, and having businesse of more importance then to imprison himself about one strength, he would consigne the besieging thereof to some other Captain. And indeed

he wanted not his Joabs, who when they had reduced cities to terms of yielding knew (with as much wisdome as loyalty) to entitle their David to the whole honour of the action.

He was highly beloved of his souldiers, of whose deserts he kept a faithfull Chronicle in his heart, and advanced them accordingly. All valiant men were Swedes to him; and he differenced men in his esteem by their merits not their countrey.

To come to his death, wherein his reputation suffers in the judgements of some, for too much hazarding of his own person in the battel. But surely some conceived necessity thereof urged him thereunto. For this his third grand set battel in Germany, was the third and last asking of his banes to the Imperiall Crown; and had they not been forbidden by his death, his marriage in all probability had instantly followed. Besides, * *Never Prince hath founded great Empire, but by making warre in person, nor hath lost any, but when he made warre by his lieutenants*: which made this King the more adventurous.

* *Duke of Rohan, in his complete Captain cap. 22.*

His death is still left in uncertainty, whether the valour of open enemies, or treachery of false friends caused it. His side *won the day*, and yet *lost the sunne* that made it; and as one saith,

Upon this place the great Gustavus dy'd,
Whilest victory lay bleeding by his side.

Thus the readiest way to lose a jewell is to overprise it: for indeed many men so doted on this worthy Prince, and his victories (without any default of his, who gave God the glory) that his death in some sort seemed necessary to vindicate Gods honour, who usually maketh that prop of flesh to break whereon men lay too great weight of their expectation.

After his death, how did men struggle to keep him alive in their reports? partly out of good will, which made

made them kindle new hopes of his life at every ſpark of probability, partly out of infidelity that his death could be true. Firſt they thought ſo valiant a Prince could not live on earth; and when they ſaw his life, then they thought ſo valiant a Prince could never die, but that his death was rather a concealment for a time, dayly expecting when the politickly dead ſhould have a Reſurrection in ſome noble exploit.

I find a moſt * learned pen applying theſe Latine verſes to this noble Prince, and it is honour enough for us to tranſlate them:

* Dr. *Hakewill in his Apologie for divine Providence, lib. 4. cap. 11. p. 546.*

In Templo plus quam Sacerdos.
In Republica plus quam Rex.
In ſententia dicenda plus quam Senator.
In Judicio plus quam Juriſconſultus.
In Exercitu plus quam Imperator.
In Acie plus quam Miles.
In adverſis perferendis injuriiſque condonandis plus quam vir.
In publica libertate tuenda plus quam Civis.
In Amicitia colenda plus quam Amicus.
In convictu plus quam familiaris.
In venatione feriſque domandis plus quam Leo.
In tota reliqua vita plus quam Philoſophus.

More then a Prieſt he in the Church might paſſe.
More then a Prince in Commonwealth he was.
More then a Counſeller in points of State.
More then a Lawyer matters to debate.
More then a Generall to command outright.
More then a Souldier to perform a fight.
More then a man to bear affliction ſtrong.
More then a man good to forgive a wrong.
More then a Patriot countrey to defend.
True friendſhip to maintain, more then a Friend.
More then familiar ſweetly to converſe.
And though in ſports more then a Lion fierce,
To hunt and kill the game; yet he expreſt
More then Philoſopher in all the reſt.

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*Descript. Bell. Suecici, per Aut. Anonymum, pag. 186.

The Jesuites made him to be the* Antichrist, and allowed him three years and an half of reigne and conquest: But had he lived that full term out, the true Antichrist might have heard further from him, and Romes Tragedy might have had an end, whose fift and last Act is still behind. Yet one * Jesuite, more ingenuous then the rest, gives him this testimony, that, *save the badnesse of his cause and religion, he had nothing defective in him which belonged to an excellent King, and a good Captain.*

* Silvester Petra Sancta in his book against Du Moulin.

Thus let this our poore description of this King serve like a flat grave-stone or plain pavement for the present; till the richer pen of some Grotius or Heinsius shall provide to erect some statelyer Monument unto his Memory.

Chap. 19.

The Prince or Heir apparent to the Crown.

HE is the best pawn of the future felicity of a kingdome. His Fathers Subjects conceive they take a further estate of happinesse in the hopes of his Succesion.

Maxime 1

In his infancy he gives presages of his future worth. Some first-fruits are dispatch'd before, to bring news to the world of the harvest of virtues which are ripening in him: his own Royall spirit prompts him to some speeches and actions wherein the standers by will scarce believe their own eares and eyes, that such things can proceed from him: And yet no wonder if they have light the sooneſt, who live neareſt the East, seeing Princes have the advantage of the best birth and breeding. The Gregorian account goes ten dayes before the computation of the English calendar: but the capacity of Princes goes as many years before private mens of the same age.

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Antevenit sortem meritis, virtutibus, annos.
His worth above his wealth appears,
And virtues go beyond his years.

2 *He is neither kept too long from the knowledge, nor brought too soon to the acquaintance with his own Greatnesse.* To be kept too long in distance from himself, would breed in him a soul too narrow for his place: On the other side, he needs not to be taught his Greatnesse too soon, who will meet with it everywhere. The best of all is when his Governours open him to himself by degrees, that his soul may spread according to his age.

3 *He playeth himself into Learning before he is aware of it.* Herein much is to be ascribed to the wisdome of his Teachers, who alwayes present Learning unto him (as Angels are painted) smiling, and candy over his soureſt studies with pleasure and delight, observing seasonable time, and fit method. Not like many countrey Schoolmasters, who in their instructions spill more then they fill, by their overhasty pouring of it in.

4 *He sympathizeth with him that by a Proxie is corrected for his offense*: yea sometimes goeth further, and (above his age) considereth, that it is but an Embleme, how hereafter his people may be punished for his own fault. He hath read how the Israelites, the second of Sam. 24. 17. were plagued for Davids numbring of them. And yet withall he remembreth how in the first verse of the same chapter, *The wrath of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he* (by permitting of Satan the instrument 1. Chron. 21. 1.) *moved David to number them.* And as the stomach and vitall parts of a man are often corroded with a rheume falling from the head, yet so that the disaffection of the stomach first caused the breeding of the same offensive distillation; so our young Prince takes notice of a reciprocation of faults and punishments betwixt King and Kingdome (both making up the same body) yea that sometimes the

King is corrected for the peoples offenſes, and ſo *è contra*: Indeed in Relatives neither can be well, if both be not.

5 *He is moſt carefull in reading, and attentive in hearing Gods word.* King Edward the ſixth (who, though a Sovereigne, might ſtill in age paſſe for a Prince) accurately noted the dayes, Texts, and names of Miniſters, that preached before him. Next to Gods word, our Prince ſtudies *Baſilicon Doron*, that Royall gift, which onely King James was able to give, and onely King James his ſonne worthy to receive.

6 *He is carefull in chuſing and uſing his recreations*, refuſing ſuch which in their very poſture and ſituation are too low for a Prince. In all his exerciſes he affects comlineſſe, or rather a kind of careleſneſſe in ſhew, to make his actívities ſeem the more naturall, & avoids a toyling and laborious induſtry, eſpecially ſeeing each drop of a Princes ſweat is a pearl, and not to be thrown away for no cauſe. And Princes are not to reach, but to trample on recreations, making them their footſtool to heighten their ſouls for ſeriouſneſſe, taking them in paſſage thereunto.

7 *His clothes are ſuch as may beſeem his Greatneſſe*: eſpecially when he ſolemnly appears, or preſents himſelf to forrein Embaſſadours. Yet he diſdains not to be plain at ordinary times. The late * Henrie, Prince of Wales, being tax'd by ſome for his too long wearing of a plain ſute of Welch frize; *Would* (ſaid he) *my countrey cloth would laſt for ever.*

* S^r. *Fr. Netherſol, in the fun. orat. of him, pag.* 16.

8 *He begins to ſtudy his own countrey, and the people therein*: what places are, what may be fortified; which can withſtand a long ſiege, and which onely can make head againſt a preſent inſurrection. If his land accoſteth the ſea, he conſidereth what Havens therein are barr'd, whoſe dangerous chanells fence themſelves, and their rocks are their blockhouſes; what Keys are ruſty with ſands and ſhelves, and what are ſcoured

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ſcoured with a free and open tide, with what ſerviceable ſhips belong thereunto. He takes notice alſo of the men in the land, and diſdains his ſoul ſhould be blurred with unjuſt prejudices, but fairly therein writes every one in order, as they are ranked by their own deſerts.

9 *Hence he looks abroad to ſee how his countrey ſtands in relation to forrein Kingdomes*; how it is friended with Confederates, how oppoſ'd with Enemies. His little eyes can caſt a ſoure glance on the ſuſpicious greatneſſe of any near borderer; for he conceives others weakned by their own diſtance. He conſiders forrein Kingdomes, and States, whether they ſtand on their own ſtrength, or lean on the favour of friends, or onely hang by a Politicall Geometry, equally poyſing themſelves betwixt their neighbours, like Lucca and Geneva, the multitude of enemies mouthes keeping them from being ſwallowed up. He quickly perceives that Kings, how nearly ſoever allied, are moſt of kinne to their own intereſt; and though the ſame Religion be the beſt bond of forrein affection, yet even this breaks too often: and States when wonded, will cure themſelves with a plaiſter made of the heart-blood of their beſt friends.

10 *He tunes his ſoul in conſort to the diſpoſition of his King-father.* Whatſoever his deſire be, the leaſt word, countenance, or ſigne given, of his fathers diſallowance makes him inſtantly deſiſt from further purſuit thereof with ſatisfaction, in regard he underſtands it diſagreeing to his Majeſties pleaſure, and with a reſolution not to have the leaſt ſemblance of being diſcontented: He hath read how ſuch Princes which were undutifull to their Parents either had no children, or children worſe then none, which repai'd their diſobedience. He is alſo kind to his Brothers, and Siſters, whoſe love and affection he counteth the bulwarks and redouts for his own ſafety and ſecurity.

11 *When grown to keep a Court by himself, he is carefull in well ordering it.* The foresaid Prince Henries Court consisted of few lesse then five hundred persons, and yet his grave and Princely aspect gave temper to them all, so that in so numerous a familie, not so much as any * blows were given.

* *Sr. William Cornwallis in the life of Prince Henry.*

12 *With a frowning countenance he brusheth off from his soul all Court-mothes of flattery*: especially he is deaf to such as would advise him, without any, or any just grounds, when he comes to the Crown, to runne counter to the practice of his Father; and who knowing that muddy water makes the strongest beere, may conceive the troubling and embroyling of the State will be most advantagious for their active spirits. Indeed seldome two successive Kings tread in the same path: if the former be Martiall, though the warre be just, honourable, and profitable, yet some will quarrell with the time present, not because *it is bad*, but because *it is*, and put a Prince forward to an alteration. If the former King were peaceable, yet happinesse it self is unhappy in being too common, and many will desire warre (conceited sweet to every palate which never tasted it) and urge a Prince thereunto. But our Prince knows to estimate things by their true worth and value, and will not take them upon the credit, whereon others present them unto him.

Αει τὸ παὸν βαρύ.

13 *He conceives they will be most loving to the branch, which were most loyall to the root*, and most honour'd his father. We reade how Henry the fifth (as yet Prince of Wales) intending to bear out one of his servants for a misdemeanour, reviled S^r^ William Gascoine Lord chief Justice of the Kings Bench to his face in open court. The aged Judge considered how this his action would beget an immortall example, and the echo of his words (if unpunished) would be resounded for ever to the disgrace of Majesty, which is never more on its throne, then when either in person, or in his substitutes, sitting

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on the bench of Juſtice; and thereupon commanded the Prince to the priſon, till he had given ſatisfaction to his father for the affront offered. Inſtantly down fell the heart of great Prince Henry, which (though as hard as rock) the breath of Juſtice did eaſily ſhake, being firſt undermin'd with an apprehenſion of his own guiltineſſe: And King Henry the fourth his father is reported greatly to rejoyce, that he had a Judge who knew how to command by, and a Sonne who knew how to ſubmit to his Laws. And afterward this Prince when King (firſt conquering himſelf, and afterwards the French) reduced his Court from being a forreſt of wild trees, to be an orchard of ſweet fruit, baniſhing away his bad companions, and appointing and countenancing thoſe to keep the key of his honour, who had lock'd up his fathers moſt faithfully.

He ſhews himſelf to the people on fit occaſions. It is hard to ſay whether he ſees or is ſeen with more love and delight. Every one that brings an eye to gaze on him, brings alſo an heart to pray for him. But his ſubjects in reverſion moſt rejoyce to ſee him in his military exerciſes, wiſhing him as much skill to know them, as little need to uſe them, ſeeing peace is as farre to be preferred before victory it ſelf, as the end is better then the means. 14

He values his future ſovereignty, not by impunity in doing evil, but by power to do good. What now his deſire is, then his ability ſhall be; and he more joyes, that he is a member of the true Church, then the ſecond in the land. Onely he fears to have a Crown too quickly, and therefore lengthens out his fathers dayes with his prayers for him, and obedience to him. And thus we leave Solomon to delight in David, David in Solomon, their people in both. 15

EDWARD Prince *of* Wales, *commonly called the black-Prince. He dyed at* Canturbury *June the* 8th. 1326. *Aged* 46 *yeares.*

W Marshall sculp:

CHAP. 20.

The life of EDVVARD *the Black Prince.*

EDward the Black Prince (ſo called from his dreaded acts and not from his * complexion) was the eldeſt ſonne to Edward the third by Philippa his Queen. He was born *Anno* 1329, on the fifteenth of June, being friday, at Woodſtock in Oxfordſhire. His Parents perceiving in him more then ordinary naturall perfections, were carefull to beſtow on him ſuch education in Piety, and Learning, agreeable to his high birth,

**For King Ed. his father called him his* Fair Sonne, *Speed p.* 579.

birth. The Prince met their care with his towardlineſſe, being apt to take fire, and blaze at the leaſt ſpark of inſtruction put into him.

We find him to be the firſt Prince of Wales, whoſe * Charter at this day is extant, with the particular rites of inveſtiture, which were the Crownet, and Ring of gold, with a rod of ſilver, worthily beſtowed upon him, who may paſſe for a miroir of Princes whether we behold him in Peace or in Warre. He in the whole courſe of his life manifeſted a ſingular obſervance to his Parents, to comply with their will and deſire; nor leſſe was the tenderneſſe of his affection to his Brothers and Siſters, whereof he had many.

* *See the copy thereof in Mr. Seldens titles of Honour, pag. 595.*

But as for the Martiall performances of this Prince, they are ſo many and ſo great that they would fill whole volumes: we will onely inſiſt on three of his moſt memorable atchievements, remitting the Reader for the reſt to our Engliſh Hiſtorians. The firſt ſhall be his behaviour in the battel of * Creſſy, againſt the French, wherein Prince Edward, not fully eighteen years old, led the fore front of the Engliſh.

* 1346 *in the twenty yeare of Ed. the third.*

There was a cauſleſſe report (the beginning of a rumour is ſometimes all the ground thereof) ſpread through the French army, that the Engliſh were fled: whereupon the French poſted after them, not ſo much to overcome (this they counted done) but to overtake them, preparing themſelves rather to purſue then to fight. But coming to the town of Creſsy, they found the Engliſh fortified in a wooddy place, and attending in good array to give battel. Whereat the French falling from their hopes were extremely vext (a fools paradiſe is a wiſemans hell) finding their enemies faces to ſtand where they look'd for their backs. And now both armies prepared to fight, whileſt behold flocks of ravens and vulturs in the aire flew thither; bold gueſts to come without an invitation: But theſe ſmell-feaſt birds when they ſaw the cloth laid (the tents of two armies

armies pitch'd) knew there would be good cheere, and came to feed on their carcaſes.

The Engliſh divided themſelves into three parts: The formoſt conſiſting moſt of Archers, led by the Black Prince; the ſecond, by the Earl of Northampton; the third, commanded by King Edward in perſon. The French were treble in number to the Engliſh, and had in their army the three Kings, of France, Bohemia, and Majorca: Charles Duke of Alenſon, with John the Bohemian King, led the vanguard; the French King Philip, the main battel; whileſt Amie Duke of Savoy brought up the rere.

The Genoan Archers in the French forefront, wearied with marching, were accuſ'd for their ſlothfulneſſe, and could neither get their wages nor good words, which made many of them caſt down their bows, and refuſe to fight; the reſt had their bowſtrings made uſeleſſe, being wetted with a ſudden ſhowre which fell on their ſide: But Heavens ſmiling offended more then her weeping, the ſunne ſuddenly ſhining out in the face of the French, gave them ſo much light that they could not ſee.

However Duke Charles, breaking through the Genoans, furiouſly charged the fronts of the Engliſh, and joyned at hand-ſtrokes with the Princes battel, who though fighting moſt couragiouſly was in great danger: Therefore King Edward was ſent unto (who hitherto hovered on a hillock, judiciouſly beholding the fight) to come and reſcue his ſonne. The King apprehending his caſe dangerous but not deſperate, and him rather in need then extremity, told the meſſenger, *Is my ſonne alive, let him die or conquer, that he may have the honour of the day.*

The Engliſh were vext, not at his deniall, but their own requeſt; that they ſhould ſeem to ſuſpect their Kings fatherly affection, or Martiall skill, as needing a remembrancer to tell him his time. To make amends, they

they laid about them manfully, the rather becauſe they knew that the King looked on, to teſtifie their valour, who alſo had the beſt cards in his own hand, though he kept them for a revie.

The victory began to incline to the Engliſh, when, rather to ſettle then get the conqueſt, the King (hitherto a ſpectatour) came in to act the Epilogue. Many Engliſh with ſhort knifes for the nonce ſtabb'd the bellies of their enemies, cut the throats of more, letting out their ſouls whereſoever they could come at their bodies: and to all ſuch as lay languiſhing, they gave a ſhort acquittance, that they had paid their debt to nature. This makes French Writers complain of the Engliſh cruelty, and that it had been more honour to the Generall, and profit to the ſouldiers to have drawn leſſe bloud, and more money in ranſoming captives, eſpecially ſeeing many French Noblemen, who fought like lions, were kill'd like calves. Others plead that in Warre all wayes and weapons are lawfull, where it is the greateſt miſtake not to take all advantages.

Night came on, and the King commanded no purſuit ſhould be made for preventing of confuſion; for ſouldiers ſcarce follow any order, when they follow their flying enemy; and it was ſo late, that it might have proved too ſoon to make a purſuit.

The night proved exceeding dark (as mourning for the bloud ſhed) nor was the next morning comforted with the riſing of the ſun, but remained ſad and gloomy, ſo that in the miſt many French men loſt their way, and then their lives, falling into the hands of the Engliſh: ſo that next dayes gleanings for the number, though not for the quality of the perſons ſlain, exceeded the harveſt of the day before. And thus this victory, next to Gods Providence, was juſtly aſcribed to the Black Princes valour, who there wonne and wore away the Eſtridge feathers, then the Arms of John King of Bohemia, there conquer'd and kill'd, and therefore

since made the *hereditary Emblemes of honour to the Princes of Wales.

The battel of Poictiers followed ten years after, which was fought betwixt the foresaid Black Prince, and John King of * France. Before the battel began the English were reduced to great straits, their enemies being six to one. The French conceived the victory, though not in hand, yet within reach, and their arm must be put out not to get but take it. All articles with the English they accounted alms, it being great charity but no policy to compound with them. But what shall we say? warre is a game wherein very often that side loseth which layeth the oddes. In probability they might have famished the English without fighting with them, had not they counted it a lean conqueſt so to bring their enemies to misery, without any honour to themselves.

The conclusion was, that the French would have the English lose their honour to save their lives, tendring them unworthy conditions, which being refused, the battel was begun. The French King made choice of three hundred prime horsmen to make the first assault on the English; the election of which three hundred made more then a thousand * heartburnings in his army: every one counted his loyalty or manhood suspected, who was not chosen into this number; and this took off the edge of their spirits against their enemies, and turned it into envy and disdain against their friends.

The French horse charged them very furiously, whom the English entertain'd with a feast of arrows, first, second, third course, all alike. Their horses were galled with the bearded piles, being unused to feel spurres in their breasts and buttocks. The best horses were worst wounded, for their mettall made one wound many; and that arrow which at first did but pierce, by their struggling did tear and rend. Then would

* *Vid. Cambd. Remains pag.* 344.

* *September* 19. 1356.

* *Paulus Æmil. in the life of King John, pag.* 286.

would they know no riders, and the riders could know no ranks; and in such a confusion, an army fights against it self. One rank fell foul with another, and the rere was ready to meet with the front: and the valiant Lord Audley, charging them before they could repair themselves, overcame all the Horse, *Qua parte belli* (saith my Authour) *invicti Galli habebantur.* The Horse being put to flight, the Infantry consisting most of poore people (whereof many came into the field with conquered hearts, grinded with oppression of their Gentry) counted it neither wit nor manners for them to stay, when their betters did flie, and made post hast after them. Six thousand common souldiers were slain, fifty two Lords, and seventeen hundred Knights and Esquires; one hundred Ensignes taken, with John the French King, and two thousand prisoners of note.

The French had a great advantage of an after-game, if they had returned again, and made head, but they had more mind to make heels, and run away. Prince Edward, whose proweſſe herein was conspicuous, overcame his own valour, both in his piety, devoutly giving to God the whole glory of the conquest, and in his courtesie, with stately humility entertaining the French Prisoner-King, whom he bountifully feasted that night, though the other could not be merry albeit he was supped with great cheere, and knew himself to be very welcome.

The third performance of this valiant Prince, wherein we will instance, was acted in Spain, on this occasion. Peter King of Castile was driven out of his kingdome by Henry his base Brother, and the assistance of some French forces. Prince Edward on this Peters petition, and by his own Fathers permission, went with an army into Spain, to re-estate him in his kingdome: For though this Peter was a notorious Tyrant, (if Authours in painting his deeds do not

overshadow them, to make them blacker then they were) yet our Prince, not looking into his vices but his right, thought he was bound to assist him : For all Sovereignes are like the strings of a Basevioll equally tuned to the same height, so that by sympathy, he that toucheth the one moves the other. Besides, he thought it just enough to restore him, because the French helpt to cast him out ; and though Spain was farre off, yet our Prince never counted himself out of his own countrey, whilest in any part of the world ; valour naturalizing a brave spirit through the Universe.

With much adoe he effected the businesse through many difficulties, occasioned partly by the treachery of King Peter, who performed none of the conditions promised, and partly through the barrennesse of the countrey, so that the Prince was forced to sell all his own plate (Spain more needing meat then dishes) to make provision for his souldiers; but especially through the distemper of the climate, the aire (or fire shall I say) thereof being extreme hot, so that it is conceived to have caused this Princes death, which happened soon after his return. What English heart can hold from inveighing against Spanish aire which deprived us of such a jewell ? were it not that it may seem since to have made us some amends, when lately the *breath of our nostrills* breathed in that climate, and yet by Gods providence was kept there, and returned thence in health and safety.

Well may this Prince be taken for a Paragon of his age, and place, having the fewest vices, with so many virtues. Indeed he was somewhat given to women, our Chronicles fathering two base children on him ; so hard it is to find a Sampson without a Dalila. And seeing never King or Kings eldest sonne since the conquest before his time married a subject, I must confesse his Match was much beneath himself, taking the double reversion of a subjects bed, marrying

marrying Joan Counteſſe of Salisbury, which had been twice a widow. But her ſurpaſsing beauty pleads for him herein, and yet her beauty was the meaneſt thing about her, being ſurpaſſ'd by her virtues. And what a worthy woman muſt ſhe needs be her ſelf, whoſe very *garter* hath given ſo much honour to Kings and Princes?

He dyed at Canterbury, June the eighth 1376 in the fourty ſixth yeare of his age: it being wittily * obſerved of the ſhort lives of many worthy men, *fatuos à morte defendit ipſa inſulſitas; ſi cui plus cæteris aliquantulum ſalis inſit (quod miremini) ſtatim putreſcit.*

* *Sr Francis Nethersole in his fun. orat. on Prince Henry, pag. 16.*

Chap. 21.

The King.

HE is a mortall God. This world at the firſt had no other Charter for its being, then Gods *Fiat*: Kings have the ſame in the Preſent tenſe, *I have ſaid ye are Gods*. We will deſcribe him, firſt as a good man (ſo was Henry the third) then as a good King (ſo was Richard the third) both which meeting together make a King complete. For he that is not a *good man*, or *but a good man*, can never be a good Sovereigne.

He is temperate in the ordering of his own life. O the Mandate of a Kings example is able to do much! eſpecially he is, *Maxime* 1

1 Temperate in his diet. When Æſchines commended Philip King of Macedon, for a joviall man that would drink freely, * Demoſthenes anſwered, *that this was a good quality in a ſponge, but not in a King.*

* *Plutarch in the life of Demoſthenes.*

2 Continent in his pleaſures. Yea Princes lawfull children are farre eaſier provided for then the *rabida fames* of a ſpurious offſpring can be ſatisfied, whileſt their Paramors and Concubines (count-

ing it their beſt manners to carve for themſelves all they can come by) prove intolerably expenſive to a State. Beſides, many rebellions have riſen out of the marriage-bed defiled.

2 *He holds his Crown immediately from the God of Heaven.* * *The moſt high ruleth in the kingdomes of men, and giveth them to whomſoever he will. Cujus juſſu naſcuntur homines, ejus juſſu conſtituuntur Principes,* ſaith a* Father: *Inde illis poteſtas unde ſpiritus,* ſaith * another. And whoſoever ſhall remount to the firſt originall of Kings, ſhall loſe his eyes in diſcovering the top thereof, as paſt ken, and touching the heavens. We reade of a place in Mount Olivet (wherein the laſt footſteps, they ſay, of our Saviour before he aſcended into heaven are to be ſeen) that it will ever lie open to the skies, and will not admit of any cloſe or * covering to be made over it how coſtly ſoever. Farre more true is this of the condition of abſolute Kings, who in this reſpect are ever *ſub dio,* ſo that no ſuperiour power can be interpoſed betwixt them and heaven. Yea the Character of loyalty to Kings ſo deeply impreſſ'd in Subjects hearts ſhews that onely Gods finger wrote it there. Hence it is if one chance to conceive ill of his Sovereigne, though within the cabinet of his ſoul, preſently his own heart grows jealous of his own heart, and he could wiſh the tongue cut out of his tell-tale thoughts, leſt they ſhould accuſe themſelves. And though ſometimes Rebels (Atheiſts againſt the Gods on earth) may labour to obliterate loyalty in them, yet even then their conſcience, the Kings Aturney, frames Articles againſt them, and they ſtand in daily fear leſt Darius Longimanus (ſuch a one is every King) ſhould reach them, and revenge himſelf.

* *Dan.* 4. 17.

* *Irenæus l.* 5.
* *Tertull. Apol. pag.* 6.5.

* Nullo modo contegi aut concamerari poteſt, ſed tranſitus ejus à terra ad cœlum uſque patet apertum, *Adricom. de terra Sancta ex Hieron. & aliis Autoribus.*

3 *He claimeth to be ſupreme Head on earth over the Church in his Dominions.* Which his power over all perſons and cauſes Eccleſiaſticall

1. Is given him by God, who alone hath the originall propriety thereof.

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2. Is derived unto him by a prescription time out of mind in the Law of Nature, declared more especially in the Word of God.
3. Is cleared and averred by the private Laws and Statutes of that State wherein he lives. For since the Pope (starting up from being the Emperours Chaplain to be his Patron) hath invaded the rights of many earthly Princes, many wholsome Laws have been made in severall Kingdomes to assert and notifie their Kings just power *in Spiritualibus*.

Well therefore may our King look with a frowning face on such, whose tails meet in this firebrand (which way soever the prospect of their faces be) to deny Princes power in Church-matters. Two * Jesuites give this farre-fetch'd reason, why * Samuel at the Feast caused the shoulder of the Sacrifice to be *reserved and kept on purpose* for Saul to feed on; *because*, say they, *Kings of all men have most need of strong shoulders patiently to endure those many troubles and molestations they shall meet with*, especially, I may well adde, if all their Subjects were as troublesome and disloyall as the Jesuites. The best is, as God hath given Kings shoulders to bear, he hath also given them armes to strike such as deprive them of their lawfull Authority in Ecclesiasticall affairs.

* *Zanchez & Velasquez in their Comments on the Text.* 1. *Sam.* 9 14.

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He improves his power to defend true Religion. Sacerdotall Offices though he will not doe, he will cause them to be done. He will not offer to burn incense with Uzziah, yet he will burn Idolaters bones with Josiah, I mean advance Piety by punishing Profaneness. God* saith to his Church, *Kings shall be thy Nursing-fathers, and their Queens thy Nursing-mothers*. And oh let not Princes out of State refuse to be so themselves, and onely hire others, it belonging to Subjects to suck, but to Princes to suckle Religion by their authority. They ought to command Gods Word to be read and practised, wherein the blessed Memory of King James shall never

* *Isaiah.* 49. 23.

ver be forgotten. His Predeceſſour in England reſtored the Scripture to her Subjects, but he in a manner, reſtored the Scripture to it ſelf, in cauſing the *New Tranſlation* thereof, whereby the meaneſt that can reade Engliſh, in effect underſtands the Greek and Hebrew. A Princely act, which ſhall laſt even when the leaſe of Time ſhall be expired: Verily I ſay unto you, whereſoever this Tranſlation ſhall be read in the whole realm, there ſhall alſo this that this King hath done be told in memoriall of him.

5 *He uſeth Mercy and Juſtice in his proceedings againſt Offenders.* Solomon * ſaith, *The throne is eſtabliſhed by Juſtice:* and Solomon * ſaith, *The throne is upholden by Mercy.* Which two Proverbs ſpeak no more contradiction, then he that ſaith that the two oppoſite ſide-walls of an houſe hold up the ſame roof. Yea as ſome Aſtronomers (though erroneouſly) conceived the Cryſtalline Sphere to be made of water, and therefore to be ſet next the *Primum mobile* to allay the heat thereof, which otherwiſe by the ſwiftneſſe of his motion would ſet all the world on fire; ſo Mercy muſt ever be ſet near Juſtice for the cooling and tempering thereof. In his mercy our King deſires to reſemble the God of heaven, who meaſureth his judgements by the ordinary cubit, but his kindneſſes by the cubit of the Sanctuary, twice as big; yea all the world had been a hell without Gods mercy.

* *Prov.* 16. 12.
* *Prov.* 20. 28.

6 *He is rich in having a plentifull exchequer of his peoples hearts. Allow me,* ſaid Archimedes, *to ſtand in the aire, and I will move the earth.* But our King having a firm footing in his Subjects affections, what may he do, yea what may he not do? making the coward valiant, the miſer liberall; for love, the key of hearts, will open the cloſeſt coffers. Mean time how poore is that Prince amidſt all his wealth, whoſe Subjects are onely kept by a ſlaviſh fear, the jaylour of the ſoul. An iron arm faſtned with ſcrues may be ſtronger, but never ſo uſefull, becauſe

becauſe not ſo naturall, as an arm of fleſh, joined with muſcles & ſinews. Loving Subjects are moſt ſerviceable, as being more kindly united to their Sovereigne then thoſe which are onely knock'd on with fear and forcing. Beſides, where Subjects are envaſſaled with fear, Prince and People mutually watch their own advantages, which being once offered them, 'tis wonderfull if they do not, and wofull if they do, make uſe thereof.

He willingly orders his actions by the Laws of his realm. Indeed ſome maintain that Princes are too high to come under the roof of any Laws, except they voluntarily of their goodneſſe be pleaſed to bow themſelves thereunto, and that it is Corban, a gift and courteſy, in them to ſubmit themſelves to their Laws. But whatſoever the Theories of abſolute Monarchy be, our King loves to be legall in all his practices, and thinks that his power is more ſafely lock'd up for him in his Laws then kept in his own will; becauſe God alone makes things lawfull by willing them, whileſt the moſt calmeſt Princes have ſometimes guſts of Paſsion, which meeting with an unlimited Authority in them may prove dangerous to them and theirs. Yea our King is ſo ſuſpicious of an unbounded power in himſelf, that though the wideneſſe of his ſtrides could make all the hedge ſtiles, yet he will not go over, but where he may. He alſo hearkneth to the adviſe of good Counſellers, remembring the ſpeech of Antoninus the Emperour, *Aequius eſt ut ego tot taliumque amicorum conſilium ſequar, quam tot taleſque amici meam unius voluntatem.* And yet withall our King is carefull to maintain his juſt Prerogative, that as it be not outſtretched, ſo it may not be overſhortned. 7

Such a gratious Sovereigne God hath vouchſafed to this Land. How pious is he towards his God! attentive in hearing the Word, preaching Religion with his ſilence, as the Miniſter doth with his ſpeech! How lo-

ving to his Spouſe, tender to his Children, faithfull to his ſervants whileſt they are faithfull to their own innocence ; otherwiſe leaving them to Juſtice under marks of his diſpleaſure. How doth he with David walk in the *midſt of his houſe* without partiality to any! How juſt is he in puniſhing wilfull murder! ſo that it is as eaſie to reſtore the murthered to life, as to keep the murtherer from death. How mercifull is he to ſuch who not out of leigier malice, but ſudden paſsion may chance to ſhed bloud! to whom his pardon hath allowed leiſure to drop out their own ſouls in tears by conſtant repentance all the dayes of their lives. How many wholſome Laws hath he enacted for the good of his Subjects! How great is his humilitie in ſo great height! which maketh his own praiſes painfull for himſelf to heare, though pleaſant for others to report. His Royall virtues are too great to be told, and too great to be conceal'd. All cannot, ſome muſt break forth from the full hearts of ſuch as be his thankfull Subjects.

But I muſt either ſtay or fall. My ſight fails me dazell'd with the luſtre of Majeſtie : all I can do is pray.

Give the King thy judgements, O Lord, and thy righteouſneſſe to the Kings Sonne : ſmite through the loins of thoſe that riſe up againſt his Majeſtie, but upon him and his let the Crown flouriſh : Oh cauſe his Subjects to meet his Princely care for their good, with a proportionable cheerfulneſſe and alacrity in his ſervice, that ſo thereby the happineſſe of Church and State may be continued. Grant this, O Lord, for Chriſt Jeſus his ſake our onely Mediatour and Advocate. Amen.

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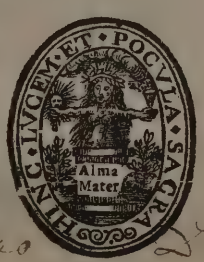
ISAIAH 32. 5.

The vile person shall be no more called liberall, nor the churl said to be bountifull.

EZEK. 44. 23.

And they shall teach my people the difference betwixt the Holy and the Profane.



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THE FIFTH BOOK.

CHAP. I.

The Harlot

IS one that her ſelf is both merchant and merchandiſe, which ſhe ſelleth for profit, and hath pleaſure given her into the bargain, and yet remains a great loſer. To deſcribe her is very difficult; it being hard to draw thoſe to the life, who never ſit ſtill: ſhe is ſo various in her humours, and mutable, 'tis almoſt impoſsible to character her in a fixed poſture; yea indeed ſome cunning Harlots are not diſcernable from honeſt women. Solomon ſaith, *ſhe wipeth her mouth*; and who can diſtinguiſh betwixt that which was never foul, and that which is cleanly wiped.

Her love is a blank, wherein ſhe writeth the next man that tendreth his affection. Impudently the Harlot lied (Prov. 7.15.) *Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to ſeek thy face, and I have found thee:* elſe underſtand her that ſhe came forth to meet him, not *qua talis*, but *qua primus*, becauſe he came firſt; for any other youngſter in his place would have ſerv'd her turn: yet ſee how ſhe makes his chance her courteſie, ſhe affecting him as much *Maxime* 1

much above others, as the common road loves the next paſſenger beſt.

2 *As ſhe ſees, ſo her ſelf is ſeen by her own eyes.* Sometimes ſhe ſtares on men with full fixed eyes; otherwhiles ſhe ſquints forth glances, and contracts the beams in her burning glaſſes, to make them the hotter to inflame her objects; ſometimes ſhe dejects her eyes in a ſeeming civility, and many miſtake in her a cunning for a modeſt look. But as thoſe bullets which graze on the ground do moſt miſchief to an army; ſo ſhe hurts moſt with thoſe glances which are ſhot from a down-caſt eye.

3 *She writes characters of wantonneſſe with her feet as ſhe walks:* And what Potiphars wife ſaid with her tongue, ſhe ſaith unto the paſſengers with her geſture and gate, *Come lie with me*; and nothing angrieth her ſo much, as when modeſt men affect a deafneſſe and will not heare, or a dulneſſe and will not underſtand the language of her behaviour. She counts her houſe a priſon, and is never well till gadding abroad: ſure 'tis true of women what is obſerved of elm, if lying within doores dry, no timber will laſt ſound longer, but if without doores expoſ'd to weather, no wood ſooner rots and corrupts.

4 *Yet ſome Harlots continue a kind of ſtrange coyneſſe even to the very laſt:* which coyneſſe differs from modeſty as much as hemlock from parſely. They will deny common favours, becauſe they are too ſmall to be granted: They will part with all or none, refuſe to be courteous, and reſerve themſelves to be diſhoneſt; whereas women truly modeſt will willingly go to the bounds of free and harmleſſe mirth, but will not be dragg'd any farther.

5 *She is commonly known by her whoriſh attire*: As criſping and curling, (making her hair as winding and intricate as her heart) painting, wearing naked breaſts. The face indeed ought to be bare, and the haft ſhould lie

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out of the ſheath ; but where the back and edge of the knife are ſhown, 'tis to be feared they mean to cut the fingers of others. I muſt confeſſe ſome honeſt women may go thus, but no whit the honeſter for going thus. The ſhip may have Caſtor and Pollux for the badge, and notwithſtanding have *S.* Paul for the lading : yet the modeſty and diſcretion of honeſt Matrons were more to be commended, if they kept greater diſtance from the attire of Harlots.

Sometimes ſhe ties her ſelf in marriage to one, that ſhe may the more freely ſtray to many : and cares not though her husband comes not within her bed, ſo be it he goeth not out beyond the Foure-ſeas. She uſeth her husband as an hood, whom ſhe caſts off in the fair weather of proſperity, but puts him on for a cover in adverſity, if it chance ſhe prove with child. 6

Yet commonly ſhe is as barren as luſtfull. Yea who can expect that malt ſhould grow to bring new increaſe. Beſides, by many wicked devices ſhe ſeeks on purpoſe to make her ſelf barren (a retrograde act to ſet Nature back) making many iſſues, that ſhe may have no iſſue, and an hundred more damnable devices, 7

Which wicked projects firſt from hell did flow,
And thither let the ſame in ſilence go,
Beſt known of them who did them never know.

And yet for all her cunning, God ſometimes meets with her (who varieth his wayes of dealing with wantons, that they may be at a loſſe in tracing him) and ſometimes againſt her will ſhe proves with child, which though unable to ſpeak, yet tells at the birth a plain ſtory to the mothers ſhame.

At laſt when her deeds grow moſt ſhamefull ſhe grows moſt ſhameleſſe. So impudent, that ſhe her ſelf ſometimes proves both the poyſon and the antidote, the temptation and the preſervative ; young men diſtaſting and abhorring her boldneſſe. And thoſe wantons, who perchance would willingly have gathered the fruit from

fruit from the tree, will not feed on such fallings.

9 *Generally she dies very poore.* The wealth she gets is like the houses some build in Gothland, made of * snow, no lasting fabrick; the rather, because she who took money of those who tasted the top of her wantonnesse, is fain to give it to such who will drink out the dregs of her lust.

*Olaus magnus de Rit. Gent. sept. lib. 1. c. 23.

10 *She dieth commonly of a lothsome disease.* I mean that disease, unknown to Antiquity, created within some hundreds of years, which took the name from Naples. When hell invented new degrees in sinnes, it was time for heaven to invent new punishments. Yet is this new disease now grown so common and ordinary, as if they meant to put divine Justice to a second task to find out a newer. And now it is high time for our Harlot, being grown lothsome to her self, to runne out of her self by repentance.

Some conceive that when King Henry the eighth destroyed the publick Stews in this Land (which till his time stood on the banks side on Southwark next the Bear-garden, beasts and beastly women being very fit neighbours) he rather scattered then quenched the fire of lust in this kingdome, and by turning the flame out of the chimney where it had a vent, more endangered the burning of the Commonwealth. But they are deceived: for whilest the Laws of the Land tolerated open uncleannesse, God might justly have made the whole State do penance for whoredome; whereas now that sinne though committed, yet not permitted, and though (God knows) it be too generall, it is still but personall.

Chap. 2.

The life of Joan *Queen of Naples.*

Joan, grandchild to Robert King of Naples by Charles his ſonne, ſucceeded her grandfather in the Kingdome of Naples and Sicily, *Anno* 1343. a woman of a beautifull body and rare endowments of nature, had not the heat of her luſt ſoured all the reſt of her perfections, whoſe wicked life * and wofull death we now come to relate: And I hope none can juſtly lay it to my charge, if the foulneſſe of her actions ſtain through the cleaneſt language I can wrap them in.

* *Taken out of Brovius An. Eccle. an.* 1344. *Petrarch. lib.* 5. *Epiſt. & Summontius Hiſt. Neopol. lib.* 3.

She was firſt married unto her coſen Andrew, a Prince of royall extraction, and of a ſweet and loving diſpoſition. But he being not able to ſatisfie her wantonneſſe, ſhe kept company with lewd perſons, at firſt privately, but afterwards ſhe preſented her badneſſe viſible to every eye, ſo that none need look through the chinks where the doores were open.

Now Elizabeth Queen of Hungary, her husband Andrews mother, was much offended at the badneſſe of her daughter-in-law, whoſe deeds were ſo foul ſhe could not look on them, and ſo common ſhe could not look beſides them; wherefore in a matronly way ſhe fairly adviſed her to reform her courſes. For the lives of Princes are more read then their Laws, and generally more practiſed: Yea their example paſſeth as current as their coin, and what they do they ſeem to command to be done. Cracks in glaſſe though paſt mending are no great matter; but the leaſt flaw in a diamond is conſiderable: Yea her perſonall fault was a nationall injury, which might derive and put the Sceptre into a wrong hand.

Theſe her mild inſtructions ſhe ſharpned with ſevere threatnings: But no razor will cut a ſtony heart. Queen Joan imputed it to ag[illegible] envy, old people perſwading

ſwading youth to leave thoſe pleaſures, whi
left themſelves. Beſides, a Mother-in-laws Se
dome takes well with an audience of D
laws. Wherefore the old Queen finding t
grace (that is never likely to come to it
longer to puniſh anothers ſinne on h x
her own righteous ſoul, but leaving a'd
into Hungary.

After her departure Queen Joan of her husband Andrew, complaining ciency, though thoſe who have *caninum appe* not competent judges what is ſufficient food: An he cauſed her husband in the city of Averſa to be hung upon a beam and ſtrangled in the night time, and then threw out his corps into a garden, where it lay ſome dayes unburied.

* *Collenutius, l. 5. Regn. Neop.*

There goes a* ſtory that this Andrew on a day coming into the Queens chamber, and finding her twiſting a thick ſtring of ſilk and ſilver, demanded of her for what purpoſe ſhe made it: She anſwered, *To hang you in it*, which he then little believed, the rather becauſe thoſe who intend ſuch miſchief never ſpeak of it before. But ſuch blows in jeſt-earneſt are moſt dangerous, which one can neither receive in love, nor refuſe in anger.

Indeed ſhe ſought in vain to colour the buſineſſe, and to divert the ſuſpicion of the murther from her ſelf, becauſe all the world ſaw that ſhe inflicted no puniſhment on the actours of it which were in her power. And in ſuch a caſe, when a murther is generally known, the ſword of the Magiſtrate cannot ſtand neuter, but doth juſtify what it doth not puniſh.

Beſides, his corps was not cold before ſhe was hot in a new love, and married Lewis Prince of Tarentum, one of the beautifulleſt men in the world. But it was hard for her to pleaſe her love and her luſt in the ſame perſon.

perſon. This Prince waſted the ſtate of his body to pay her the conjugall debt, which ſhe extorted beyond all modeſty or reaſon, ſo unquenchable was the wild-fire of her wantonneſſe.

After his death (ſhe hating widowhood as much as Nature doth *vacuum*) maried James King of Majorca, and commonly ſtyled Prince of Calabria. Some ſay he dyed of a naturall death: Others, that ſhe beheaded him for lying with another woman (who would ſuffer none to be dishoneſt but her ſelf) Others, that he was unjuſtly put to death, and forced to change worlds, that ſhe might change husbands.

Her fourth husband was Otho of Brunſwick, who came a Commander out of Germany, with a company of ſouldiers, and performed excellent ſervice in Italy. A good ſouldier he was, and it was not the leaſt part of his valour to adventure on ſo skittiſh a beaſt: But he hoped to feaſt his hungry fortune on this reverſion. By all foure husbands ſhe had no children; either becauſe the drougth of her wantonneſſe parched the fruit of her wombe; or elſe becauſe provident Nature prevented a generation of Monſters from her.

By this time her ſinnes were almoſt hoarſe with crying to heaven for revenge. They miſtake who think divine Juſtice ſleepeth when it winks for a while at Offenders. Hitherto ſhe had kept herſelf in a whole skin by the rents which were in the Church of Rome. For there being a long time a Schiſme betwixt two Popes, Urban, and Clement, ſhe ſo poyſed herſelf between them both, that ſhe eſcaped unpuniſhed. This is that Queen Joan that gave Avignon in France (yet under a pretence of ſale) to Pope Urban and his Succeſſours: the ſtomach of his Holineſſe not being ſo ſqueamiſh, but that he would take a good almes from dirty hands. It may make the chaſtity of Rome ſuſpicious with the world that ſhe hath had ſo good fortune to be a gainer by Harlots.

Raro antecedit ſcelerum deſerta de puna claudo.

But see now how Charles Prince of Dyrachium, being next of kin to Prince Andrew that was murdered, comes out of Hungary with an army into Naples to revenge his uncles bloud. He was received without resistance of any, his very name being a Petrard to make all the city-gates fly open where he came. Out issues Otho the Queens husband with an army of men out of Naples, and most stoutly bids him battel, but is overthrown; yet was he suffered fairly to depart the kingdome, dismiss'd with this commendation, That never a more valiant Knight fought in defence of a more vitious Lady.

Queen Joan finding it now in vain to bend her fist, fell to bowing of her knees, and having an excellent command of all her passions save her lust, fell down flat before Charles the Conquerour, and submitted her self: *Hitherto*, said she, *I have esteemed thee in place of a sonne, but seeing God will have it so, hereafter I shall acknowledge thee for my Lord.* Charles knew well that Necessity, her Secretary, endited her speech for her, which came little from her heart; yet, to shew that he had as plentifull an Exchequer of good language, promis'd her fairly for the present: But mercy it self would be asham'd to pity so notorious a malefactour. After some moneths imprisonment she was carried to the place where her husband was murder'd, and there accordingly hang'd, and cast out of the window into the garden, whose corps at last was buried in the Nunnery of S. Clare.

Chap. 3.

The Witch.

BEfore we come to deſcribe her, we muſt premiſe and prove certain propoſitions, whoſe truth may otherwiſe be doubted of.

1 *Formerly there were Witches.* Otherwiſe Gods * Law had fought againſt a ſhadow, *Thou ſhalt not ſuffer a Witch to live*: yea we reade how King Saul, who had formerly ſcoured Witches out of all Iſrael, afterwards drank a draught of that puddle himſelf.

* *Exod.* 18.22.

2 *There are Witches for the preſent, though thoſe Night-birds flie not ſo frequently in flocks ſince the light of the Goſpel.* Some ancient arts and myſteries are ſaid to be loſt; but ſure the devil will not wholly let down any of his gainfull trades. There be many Witches at this day in Lapland, who ſell winds to Mariners for money (and muſt they not needs go whom the devil drives?) though we are not bound to believe the old ſtory of Ericus King of Swedeland, who had a * cap, and as he turned it the wind he wiſh'd for would blow on that ſide.

* *Therefore called,* Ventoſus pileus, *Olaus mag. de Gent. ſeptent. lib.* 3. *cap.* 14.

3 *It is very hard to prove a Witch.* Infernall contracts are made without witneſſes. She that in preſence of others will compact with the devil deſerves to be hang'd for her folly as well as impiety.

4 *Many are unjuſtly accuſed for Witches.* Sometimes out of ignorance of naturall, & miſapplying of ſupernaturall cauſes; ſometimes out of their neighbours mere malice, and the ſuſpicion is increaſ'd, if the party accuſed be notoriouſly ill-favoured; whereas deformity alone is no more argument to make her a Witch, then handſomneſſe had been evidence

to prove her an Harlot; ſometimes out of their own cauſleſſe confeſsion. Being brought before a Magiſtrate they acknowledge themſelves to be Witches, being themſelves rather bewitch'd with fear, or deluded with phancy. But the ſelf-accuſing of ſome is as little to be credited, as the ſelf-praiſing of others, if alone without other evidence.

5 *Witches are commonly of the feminine ſex.* Ever ſince Satan tempted our grandmother Eve, he knows that that ſex is moſt licoriſh to taſt, and moſt careleſſe to ſwallow his baits.* *Neſcio quid habet muliebre nomen ſemper cum ſacris*: if they light well, they are inferiour to few men in piety, if ill, ſuperiour to all in ſuperſtition.

* *Fulgentius in Sermon.*

6 *They are commonly diſtinguiſhed into white and black Witches.* White, I dare not ſay good Witches (*for Woe be to him that calleth evil good*) heal thoſe that are hurt, and help them to loſt goods. But better it is to lap ones pottage like a dog, then to eat it mannerly with a ſpoon of the devils giving: Black Witches hurt, and do miſchief. But in deeds of darkneſſe there is no difference of colours: The white and the black are both guilty alike in compounding with the devil. And now we come to ſee by vvhat degrees people arrive at this height of profaneneſſe.

Maxime 1

At the firſt ſhe is onely ignorant, and very malicious. She hath uſually a bad face, and a worſe tongue, given to railing and curſing, as if conſtantly bred on mount Ebal, yet ſpeaking perchance worſe then ſhe means, though meaning worſe then ſhe ſhould. And as the harmleſſe wapping of a curſ'd curre may ſtir up a fierce maſtiffe to the vvorrying of ſheep; ſo on her curſing the devil may take occaſion by Gods permiſsion to do miſchief, vvithout her knovvledge, and perchance againſt her will.

*Multi dum vitare ſtudent quæ vitanda non ſunt, fugâ vanâ ſuperſtitionis ſuperſtitioſi fiunt, *Cardan. de Subtil. p.924. lib.* 8.

Some have been made * *Witches by endeavouring to defend themſelves*

themſelves againſt Witchcraft: for fearing ſome ſuſpected Witch ſhould hurt them, they fence themſelves with the devils ſhield againſt the devils ſword, put on his *whole armour*, beginning to uſe ſpells and charms to ſafeguard themſelves. The art is quickly learnt to which nothing but credulity and practice is required; and they often fall from defending themſelves to offending of others, eſpecially the devil not being dainty of his company where he finds welcome; and being invited once he haunts ever after.

She begins at firſt with doing tricks rather ſtrange then hurtfull: yea ſome of them are pretty and pleaſing. But it is dangerous to gather floures that grow on the banks of the pit of hell, for fear of falling in; yea they which play with the devils rattles, will be brought by degrees to wield his ſword, and from making of ſport they come to doing of miſchief. 3

At laſt ſhe indents downright with the devil. He is to find her ſome toies for a time, and to have her ſoul in exchange. At the firſt (to give the devil his due) he obſerves the agreement to keep up his credit, elſe none would trade with him; though at laſt he either deceives her with an equivocation, or at ſome other ſmall hole this Serpent winds out himſelf, and breaks the covenants. And where ſhall ſhe poore wretch ſue the forfeited band? in heaven ſhe neither can nor dare appear; on earth ſhe is hang'd if the contract be proved; in hell her adverſary is judge, and it is wofull to appeal from the devil to the devil. But for a while let us behold her in her ſuppoſed felicity. 4

She taketh her free progreſſe from one place to another. Sometimes the devil doth locally tranſport her: but he will not be her conſtant hackney, to carry ſuch luggage about, but oftentimes to ſave portage deludes her brains in her ſleep, ſo that they brag of long journeys, whoſe heads never travell'd from their bolſters. Theſe vvith Drake ſail about the vvorld, but it is on an ocean 5

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of their own phancies, and in a ſhip of the ſame: They boaſt of brave banquets they have been at, but they would be very lean ſhould they eat no other meat: Others will perſwade, if any liſt to believe, that by a Witch-bridle they can make a fair of horſes of an acre of beſome-weed. Oh ſilly ſouls! Oh ſubtle Satan that deceived them.

6 *With ſtrange figures and words ſhe ſummons the devils to attend her*: uſing a language which God never made at the confuſion of Tongues; and an interpreter muſt be fetch'd from hell to expound it. With theſe, or Scripture abuſed, the devil is ready at her ſervice. Who would ſuppoſe that roaring lion could ſo finely act the ſpaniel? one would think he were too old *to ſuck*, and yet he will do that alſo for advantage.

7 *Sometimes ſhe enjoyns him to do more for her then he is able*; as to wound thoſe whom Gods providence doth arm, or to break through the tents of bleſſed Angels, to hurt one of Gods Saints. Here Satan is put to his ſhifts, and his wit muſt help him where his power fails; he either excuſeth it, or ſeemingly performs it, lengthning his own arm by the dimneſſe of her eye, and preſenting the ſeeming bark of that tree which he cannot bring.

8 *She lives commonly but very poore.* Methinks ſhe ſhould bewitch to her ſelf a golden mine, at leaſt good meat, and whole clothes: But 'tis as rare to ſee one of her profeſsion as an hangman in an whole ſuit. Is the poſſeſsion of the devils favour here no better? Lord, what is the reverſion of it hereafter?

9 *When arraigned for her life the devil leaves her to the Law to ſhift for her ſelf.* He hath worn out all his ſhoes in her former ſervice, and will not now go barefoot to help her; and the circle of the halter is found to be too ſtrong for all her Spirits. Yea * Zoroaſtes himſelf, the firſt inventer of Magick (though he laught at his birth) led a miſerable life, and dyed a wofull death in baniſh-

* *Plinius, lib. 3. cap. 1.*

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ment. We will give a double example of a Witch: first of a reall one, out of the Scripture, becauſe it ſhall be above all exception; and then of one deeply ſuſpected, out of our own Chronicles.

Chap. 4.

The Witch of Endor.*

* 1. *Sam.* 28.

Her proper name we neither find, nor need curiouſly enquire: without it ſhe is deſcrib'd enough for our knowledge, too much for her ſhame.

King Saul had baniſh'd all Witches and Sorcerers out of Iſrael; but no beſom can ſweep ſo clean as to leave no crumme of duſt behind it: This Witch of Endor ſtill keeps her ſelf ſafe in the land. God hath *his remnant* where Saints are cruelly perſecuted; Satan alſo his remnant, where offenders are ſeverely proſecuted, and (if there were no more) the whole *ſpecies* of Witches is preſerved in this *individuum*, till more be provided.

It happened now that King Saul, being ready to fight with the Philiſtines, was in great diſtreſſe, becauſe God anſwered him not concerning the ſucceſſe of the battel. With the ſilent, he will be ſilent: Saul gave no reall anſwer in his obedience to Gods commands, God will give no vocall anſwer to Sauls requeſts.

Mens minds are naturally ambitious to know things to come: Saul is reſtleſſe to know the iſſue of the fight. Alas, what needed he to ſet his teeth on edge with the ſoureneſſe of that bad tidings, who ſoon after was to have his belly full thereof.

He ſaid to his ſervants, *Seek me out* (no wonder ſhe was ſuch a jewell to be ſought for) *one with a familiar Spirit*: vvhich vvas accordingly perform'd, and Saul came to her in a diſguiſe. Formerly Samuel told him

that his *diſobedience was as witchcraft*; now Saul falls from the like to the ſame, and tradeth with Witches indeed (the receiver is as bad as the thief) and at his requeſt ſhe raiſeth up Samuel to come unto him.

What, true Samuel? It is above Satans power to degrade a Saint from glory, though for a moment; ſince his own fall thence, he could fetch none from heaven. Or was it onely the true body of Samuel? no; the pretious aſhes of the Saints (the pawn for the return of their ſouls) are lock'd up ſafe in the cabinet of their graves, and the devil hath no key unto it. Or laſtly was it his ſeeming body? he that could not counterfeit the leaſt and worſt of * worms, could he diſſemble the ſhape of one of the beſt and greateſt of men?

* *Exod.* 8. 18.

Yet this is moſt probable, ſeeing Satan could change himſelf into an Angel of light, and God gives him more power at ſome times then at other. However, we will not be too peremptory herein, and build ſtanding ſtructures of bold aſſertions on ſo uncertain a foundation: rather with the Rechabites we will live in tents of conjectures, which on better reaſon we may eaſily alter and remove.

The devils ſpeech looks backward and forward, relates and foretells: the Hiſtoricall part thereof is eaſie, recounting Gods ſpeciall favours to Saul, and his ingratitude to God, and the matter thereof very pious. *Not every one that ſaith Lord, Lord* (whether to him or of him) *ſhall enter into the kingdome of heaven:* for Satan here uſeth the Lords name ſix times in foure verſes. The Propheticall part of his ſpeech is harder, how he could foretell *to morrow ſhalt thou and thy ſonnes be with me:* what, with me true Samuel in heaven? that was too good a place (will ſome ſay) for Saul: or with me true Satan in hell? that was too bad a place for Jonathan. What then? with me pretended Samuel in עפר, in the ſtate of the dead.

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But how came the Witch or Satan by this knowledge? surely that uggly monster never look'd his face in that beautifull glasse of the Trinity, which (as some will have it) represents things to the blessed Angels. No doubt then he gathered it by experimentall collection, who, having kept an exact Ephemerides of all actions for more then five thousand years together, can thereby make a more then probable guesse of future contingents; the rather because accidents in this world are not so much new as renewed. Besides, he saw it in the naturall causes, in the strength of the Philistines, and weakness of the Israelitish army, and in Davids ripeness to succeed Saul in the Throne. Perchance as vulturs are said to smell the earthlinesse of a dying corps; so this bird of prey resented a worse then earthly savour in the soul of Saul, an evidence of his death at hand. Or else we may say the devil knew it by particular revelation; for God to use the devil for his own turn might impart it unto him, to advance wicked mens repute of Satans power, that they who would be deceived should be deceived to believe that Satan knows more then he does.

The dismall news so frighted Saul, that he fell along on the earth, and yet at last is perswaded to arise and eat meat, she killing and dressing a fat calf for him.

Witches generally are so poore they can scarce feed themselves: see here one able to feast a King. *That which goeth into the mouth defileth not*: better eat meat of her dressing, then take counsell of her giving; and her hands might be clean, whose soul meddled with unclean spirits. Saul must eat somewhat, that he might be strengthned to live to be kill'd, as afterwards it came to passe. And here the mention of this Witch in Scripture vanisheth away, & we will follow her no farther. If afterward she escaped the justice of man, Gods judgement, without her repentance, hath long since overtaken her.

Chap. 5.

The life of Joan *of Arc.*

Joan of Arc was born in a village called Domrenny upon the Marches of Bar, near to Vaucoleurs. Her parents, James of Arc and Iſabell, were very poore people, and brought her up to keep ſheep: where for a while we will leave her, and come to behold the miſerable eſtate of the kingdome of France wherein ſhe lived.

In her time Charles the ſeventh was the diſtreſſed French King, having onely two entire Provinces left him, Gaſcoigne and Languedoc, and his enemies were about them, and in all the reſt, [illegible] poſſeſſed by the Engliſh, under their you[illegible]rie the ſixth, and his aged Generalls th[illegible]dford, and the Earls of Salisbury and S[illegible]s they had beſieged the city of Orleanc[illegible]t it to that paſſe that the higheſt hopes of [illegible] was to yield on good terms.

Matters ſtanding in this wofull [illegible]nch *Noblemen projected with themſelv[illegible]or- diall for the conſumption of the ſpiri[illegible]ng and Countreymen; but this ſeemed a g[illegible]to perform, the French people being ſo m[illegible]: and when mens hearts are once down[illegible] faſten any pullies to them to draw them [illegible] they reſolved to pitch upon ſome project [illegible] dinary road of accidents, to elevate the peop[illegible] thereby, knowing that mens phancies ea[illegible] from ſmooth and common things, but a[illegible] catch'd & longeſt kept in ſuch plots as [illegible] angles, and ſtrange unuſuall corners in them.

Hereupon they concluded to ſet up the Joan of Arc, to make her pretend that ſhe ha[illegible]

** Gyrard Seigneur du Haillizan in Charles the ſeventh.*

JOAN of Arc the Victorious Leader of the French Armyes, She was condemned by the English for a witch, & burnt at Rohan Julij the 6th 1461. being about 22 yeares of Age.

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lation from heaven, to be the leader of an army, to drive all the Engliſh out of France: and ſhe being an handſome, witty, and bold maid (about twentie years of age) was both apprehenſive of the plot, and very active to proſecute it. But other Authours will not admit of any ſuch complotting, but make her moved thereunto either of her own, or by ſome Spirits inſtigation.

By the mediation of a Lord ſhe is brought to the preſence of King Charles, whom ſhe inſtantly knew, though never ſeen before, and at that time of ſet purpoſe much diſguiſed. This very thing ſome heighten to a miracle, though others make it fall much beneath a wonder, as being no more then a Scholars ready ſaying of that leſſon, which he hath formerly learned without book. To the King ſhe boldly delivers her meſſage, how that this was the time wherein the ſinnes of the Engliſh, and the ſufferings of the French, were come to the height, and ſhe appointed by the God of heaven to be the French leader to conquer the Engliſh. If this opportunity were let ſlip, let them thank heavens bounty for the tender, and their own folly for the refuſall; and who would pity their eternall ſlavery, who thruſt their own liberty from themſelves.

He muſt be deaf indeed who heares not that ſpoken which he deſires. Charles triumphs at this news: Both his armes were too few to embrace the motion. The Fame of her flies through France, and all talk of her, whom the Divines eſteem as Deborah, the Souldiers as Semiramis. People found out a neſt of miracles in her education, that ſo lyon-like a ſpirit ſhould be bred amongſt ſheep like David.

Ever after ſhe went in mans clothes, being armed cap-a-pe, and mounted on a brave Steed: and which was a wonder, when ſhe was on horſeback, none was more bold and daring; when* alighted, none more tame and meek; ſo that one could ſcarce ſee her

* *Gerſon. lib. de mirab. victoria cujusdam puellæ, paulò poſt initium.*

for her ſelf, ſhe was ſo chang'd and alter'd as if her ſpirits diſmounted with her body. No ſword would pleaſe her, but one taken out of the* Church of S. Katharin in Fierebois in Tourain. Her firſt ſervice was in twice victualling of Orleance, whileſt the Engliſh made no reſiſtance, as if they had eyes onely to gaze, and no arms to fight.

* *Polidor. Virg. in Hen. ſixth, pag.* 471.

Hence ſhe ſent a menacing* letter to the Earl of Suffolk, the Engliſh Generall, commanding him in Gods and her own name to yield up the keyes of all good cities to her, the Virgin ſent by God to reſtore them to the French. The letter was received with ſcorn; and the trumpeter that brought it commanded to be burnt, againſt the Law of Nations, ſaith a French* Authour, but erroneouſly: for his coming was not warranted by the authority of any lawfull Prince, but from a private maid, how highly ſoever ſelf-pretended, who had neither eſtate to keep, nor commiſsion to ſend a trumpeter.

* *See the copy thereof in Speeds King Hen. ſixth, pag.* 654.

* *Du Serres in his French Hiſt. tranſlat. by Grimſton, p.* 326.

Now the minds of the French were all afloat with this the conceit of their new Generall, which miraculouſly raiſed their Spirits. Phancie is the caſtle commanding the city; and if once mens heads be poſſeſt with ſtrange imaginations, the whole body will follow, and be infinitely tranſported therewithall. Under her conduct they firſt drive away the Engliſh from Orleance: nor was ſhe a whit daunted, when ſhot through her arm with an arrow; but taking the arrow in one hand, and her ſword in another, *This is a** *favour*, ſaid ſhe; *let us go on, they cannot eſcape the hand of God*: and ſhe never left off, till ſhe had beaten the Engliſh from the city. And hence this virago (call her now John or Joan) marched on into other countreys, which inſtantly revolted to the French crown. The example of the firſt place was the reaſon of all the reſt to ſubmit. The Engliſh in many skirmiſhes were worſted and defeated with few numbers. But what ſhall we ſay? when

* *Idem. p.* 317.

when God intends a Nation ſhall be beaten, he ties their hands behind them.

The French followed their blow, loſing no time, leſt the height of their Spirits ſhould be remitted: (mens Imaginations when once on foot muſt ever be kept going, like thoſe that go on ſtilts in fenny countreys, leſt ſtanding ſtill they be in danger of falling) and ſo keeping the conceit of their ſouldiers at the height, in one twelvemoneth they recovered the greateſt part of that the Engliſh did poſſeſſe.

But ſucceſſe did afterwards fail this She-Generall: for ſeeking to ſurpriſe S. Honories ditch near the city of S. Denis, ſhe was not onely wounded her ſelf, but alſo loſt a Troup of her beſt and moſt reſolute ſouldiers; and not long after, nigh the city of Compeigne, being too farre engaged in fight, was take n priſoner by the baſtard of Vendoſme, who ſold her to the Duke of Bedford, and by him ſhe was kept a priſoner a twelvemoneth in Rohan.

It was much diſputed amongſt the Statiſts what ſhould be done with her: Some held that no puniſhment was to be inflicted on her, becauſe

Nullum memorabile nomen
Fœminea in pœna.
Cruelty to a woman,
Brings honour unto no man.

Beſides, putting her to death would render all Engliſh men guilty which ſhould hereafter be taken priſoners by the French. Her former valour deſerved praiſe, her preſent miſery deſerved pity; captivity being no ill action but ill ſucceſſe: let them rather allow her an honourable penſion, and ſo make her valiant deeds their own by rewarding them. However, ſhe ought not to be put to death: for if the Engliſh would puniſh her, they could not more diſgrace her then with life, to let her live though in a poore mean way, and then ſhe would be the beſt confutation of her own

glorious

glorious propheſies; let them make her the Laundreſſe to the Engliſh, who was the Leader to the French army.

Againſt theſe arguments neceſsity of State was urged, a reaſon above all reaſon; it being in vain to diſpute whether that may be done which muſt be done. For the French ſuperſtition of her could not be reformed except the idole was deſtroyed; and it would ſpoil the French puppet-playes in this nature for ever after, by making her an example. Beſides ſhe was no priſoner of warre, but a priſoner of Juſtice, deſerving death for her witchcraft and whoredomes; whereupon ſhe was burnt at Rohan the ſixth of July 1461, not without the aſperſion of * cruelty on our Nation.

* Sententia poſt homines natos duriſſima, *Pol.Vir. pag.* 477.

Learned * men are in a great doubt what to think of her. Some make her a Saint, and inſpired by Gods Spirit, whereby ſhe diſcovered ſtrange ſecrets and foretold things to come. She had ever an old * woman which went with her, and tutoured her; and 'tis ſuſpicious, ſeeing this clock could not go without that ruſty wheel, that theſe things might be done by confederacie, though ſome more uncharitable conceive them to be done by Satan himſelf.

* *Gerſon in the book which he wrote of her, after long diſcuſsing the point leaves it uncertain, but is rather charitably inclined.*
* *Serres, pag.* 325.

Two cuſtomes ſhe had which can by no way be defended. One was her conſtant going in mans clothes, flatly againſt Scripture: yea mark all the miracles in Gods Word, wherein though mens eſtates be often chang'd (poore to rich, bond to free, ſick to ſound, yea dead to living) yet we reade of no old Æſon made young, no woman Iphis turn'd to a man, or man Tireſias to a woman; but as for their age or ſex, where nature places them, there they ſtand, and miracle it ſelf will not remove them. Utterly unlawfull therefore was this Joans behaviour, as an occaſion to luſt; and our Engliſh Writers ſay that when ſhe was to be condemned ſhe confeſſ'd her ſelf to be with * child to prolong her life; but being reprived ſeven moneths for the

* *Pol. Virgil. ut priùs.*

triall

triall thereof, it was found falſe. But grant her honeſt: though ſhe did not burn herſelf, yet ſhe might kindle others, and provoke them to wantonneſſe.

Beſides, ſhe ſhaved her hair in the faſhion of a * Frier, againſt Gods expreſſe word, it being alſo a Soleciſme in nature, all women being born votaries, and the veil of their long hair minds them of their obedience they naturally owe to man: yea, without this comely ornament of hair, their moſt glorious beauty appears as deformed, as the ſunne would be prodigious without beams. Herein ſhe had a ſmack of Monkery, which makes all the reſt the more ſuſpicious, as being ſent to maintain as well the Friers as the French Crown. And if we ſurvey all the pretended miracles of that age, we ſhall find what tune ſoever they ſung, ſtill they had ſomething in the cloſe in the favour of Friers, though brought in as by the by, yet perchance chiefly intended, ſo that the whole ſentence was made for the parentheſis. * *Gerſon.*

We will cloſe the different opinions which ſeverall Authours have of her with this Epitaph,

Here lies Joan of Arc, the which
Some count ſaint, and ſome count witch;
Some count man, and ſomething more;
Some count maid, and ſome a whore:
Her life's in queſtion, wrong, or right;
Her death's in doubt, by laws, or might.
Oh innocence take heed of it,
How thou too near to guilt doſt ſit.
(Mean time France a wonder ſaw,
A woman rule 'gainſt Salique Law.)
But, Reader, be content to ſtay
Thy cenſure, till the Judgement-day:
Then ſhalt thou know, and not before,
Whether Saint, Witch, Man, Maid, or Whore.

Some conceive that the Engliſh conqueſts, being come to the verticall point, would have decayed of themſelves,

themſelves, had this woman never been ſet up, which now reaps the honour hereof as her action: Though thus a very child may ſeem to turn the waves of the ſea with his breath, if caſually blowing on them at that very inſtant when the tide is to turn of it ſelf. Sure after her death the French went on victoriouſly, and wonne all from the Engliſh, partly by their valour, but more by our diſſenſions; for then began the cruell warres betwixt the Houſes of York and Lancaſter, till the Red roſe might become White, by loſing ſo much bloud, and the White roſe Red by ſhedding it.

Chap. 6.

The Atheiſt.

THe word *Atheiſt* is of a very large extent: every Polytheiſt is in effect an Atheiſt, for he that multiplies a Deitie, annihilates it; and he that divides it, deſtroyes it.

But amongſt the heathen we may obſerve that whoſoever ſought to withdraw people from their idolatry, was preſently indited and arraign'd of Atheiſme. If any Philoſopher ſaw God through their Gods, this duſt was caſt in his eyes, for being more quick-ſighted then others, that preſently he was condemn'd for an Atheiſt; and thus Socrates the Pagan Martyr was put to death * ὡς Ἄθεος. At this day three ſorts of Atheiſts are extant in the world:

1 In life and converſation. Pſal. 10. 4. *God is not in all his thoughts*; not that he thinks there is no God, but thinks not there is a God, never minding or heeding him in the whole courſe of his life and actions.

2 In will and deſire. Such could wiſh there were no God, or devil, as thieves would have no judge nor jaylour; *Quod metuunt periiſſe expetunt.*

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* *Juſtin. Martyr ſecund. Apolog. pro Chriſtian. pag. 56.*

3 In judgement and opinion. Of the former two sorts of Atheists, there are more in the world then are generally thought; of this latter, more are thought to be, then there are, a contemplative Atheist being very rare, such as were * Diagoras, Protagoras, Lucian, and Theodorus, who though carrying God in his name was an Atheist in his opinion. Come we to see by what degrees a man may climbe up to this height of Profaneness. And we will suppose him to be one living in wealth and prosperity, which more disposeth men to Atheisme then adversity: For affliction mindeth men of a Deity, as those which are pinched will cry, *O Lord*: but much outward happinesse abused occasioneth men, as wise Agur observeth, *to deny God, and say, Who is the Lord.*

* *August. tom. 7. lib. 3. contra Petilianum, c. 1. David cùm dicit,* Stultus dixit in corde, *&c. videtur Diagoram prædixisse.*

First he quarrels at the diversities of religions in the world: complaining how great Clerks dissent in their judgements, which makes him scepticall in all opinions: Whereas such differences should not make men careless to have any, but carefull to have the best religion. *Maxime* 1

He loveth to maintain Paradoxes, and to shut his eyes against the beams of a known truth; not onely for discourse, which might be permitted: for as no cloth can be woven except the woof and the warp be cast crosse one to another, so discourse will not be maintained without some opposition for the time. But our enclining-atheist goes further, engaging his affections in disputes, even in such matters where the supposing them wounds piety, but the positive maintaining them stabs it to the heart. 2

He scoffs and makes sport at sacred things. This by degrees abates the reverence of religion, and ulcers mens hearts with profaneness. The Popish Proverb well understood hath a truth in it, *Never dog bark'd against the Crucifix, but he ran mad.* 3

4 *Hence he proceeds to take exception at Gods Word.* He keeps a regiſter of many difficult places of Scripture, not that he deſires ſatisfaction therein, but delights to puzzle Divines therewith, and counts it a great conqueſt when he hath poſed them. Unneceſſary queſtions out of the Bible are his moſt neceſſary ſtudy; & he is more curious to know where Lazarus his ſoul was the foure dayes he lay in the grave, then carefull to provide for his own ſoul when he ſhall be dead. Thus is it juſt with God that they who will not feed on the plain meat of his Word, ſhould be choked with the bones thereof. But his principall delight is to ſound the alarum, and to ſet ſeverall places of Scripture to fight one againſt another, betwixt which there is a ſeeming, and he would make a reall, contradiction.

5 *Afterwards he grows ſo impudent as to deny the Scripture it ſelf.* As Sampſon being faſtned by a web to a pin, carried away both web and pin; ſo if any urge our Atheiſt with arguments from Scripture, and tie him to the Authority of Gods Word, he denies both reaſon and Gods Word, to which the reaſon is faſtened.

6 *Hence he proceeds to deny God himſelf.* Firſt in his Adminiſtration; then in his Eſſence. What elſe could be expected but that he ſhould bite at laſt, who had ſnarl'd ſo long? Firſt he denies Gods ordering of ſublunarie matters; *Tuſh doth the Lord ſee, or is there knowledge in the moſt Higheſt?* making him a maimed Deity, without an eye of Providence or an arm of Power, and at moſt reſtraining him onely to matters above the clouds. But he that dares to confine the King of heaven, will ſoon after endeavour to depoſe him, and fall at laſt flatly to deny him.

7 *He furniſheth himſelf with an armoury of arguments to fight againſt his own conſcience*: Some taken from

1. The impunity and outward happineſſe of wicked men: as the heathen * Poet, whoſe verſes for me ſhall paſſe unengliſhed.

Eſſe

Esse Deos credamne? fidem jurata fefellit,
Et facies illi, quæ fuit ante, manet.

* *Ovid. lib. 3. Amor. Eleg. 3.*

And no wonder if an Atheist breaks his neck thereat, whereat the foot of David himself did almost * slip, when he saw the prosperity of the wicked; whom God onely reprives for punishment hereafter.

* *Psal. 73. 2, 3.*

2. From the afflictions of the godly, whilest indeed God onely tries their faith and patience. As Absalom complain'd of his Father Davids government, that none were deputed to redresse peoples grievances; so he objects that none righteth the wrongs of Gods people, and thinks (proud dust) the world would be better steered if he were the Pilot thereof.

3. From the delaying of the day of Judgement, with those mockers 2. Peter 3. Whose objections the Apostle fully answereth. And in regard of his own particular the Atheist hath as little cause to rejoyce at the deferring of the day of Judgement, as the Thief hath reason to be glad, that the Assizes be put off, who is to be tryed, and may be executed before, at the Quarter-sessions: So death may take our Atheist off before the day of Judgement come.

With these and other arguments he struggles with his own conscience, and long in vain seeks to conquer it, even fearing that Deity he flouts at, and dreading that God whom he denies. And as that famous Athenian souldier * Cynegirus catching hold of one of the enemies ships held it first with his right hand, and when that was cut off, with his left, and when both were cut off, yet still kept it with his teeth; so the conscience of our Atheist, though he bruise it, and beat it, and maim it never so much, still keeps him by the teeth, still feeding and gnawing upon him, torturing and tormenting him with thoughts of a Deity, which the other desires to suppresse.

* *Justin. lib. 2.*

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At last he himself is utterly overthrown by conquering his own conscience. God in justice takes from him the light which he thrust from himself, and delivers him up to a seared conscience, and a reprobate mind, whereby hell takes possession of him. The Apostle saith, Acts 17. 27. That a man may feel God in his works: But now our Atheist hath a dead palsey, is past all sense, and cannot perceive God who is everywhere presented unto him. It is most strange, yet most true, which is reported, that the armes of the Duke of Rohan in France, which are *fusills* or *lozenges*, are to be seen in the wood or stones throughout all his countrey, so that break a stone in the middle, or lop a bough of a tree, and one shall behold the grain thereof (by some secret cause in Nature) * diamonded or streaked in the fashion of a lozenge: yea the very same in effect is observed in England: for the resemblances of starres, the armes of the worshipfull family of the Shugburies in Warwickshire, are found in the * stones within their own mannour of Shugbury. But what shall we say? The armes of the God of heaven, namely Power, Wisdome, and Goodnesse, are to be seen in every creature in the world, even from worms to men, and yet our Atheist will not acknowledge them, but ascribes them either to Chance (but could a blind painter limme such curious pictures) or else to Nature, which is a mere slight of the devil to conceal God from men, by calling him after another name; for what is *natura naturans* but God himself?

* *Because of these naturall forms in wood and stone, it seems that from thence the Dukes assum'd their armes.*
* *Cambd. Brit. in Warwickshire.*

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His death commonly is most miserable: either burnt, as Diagoras, or eaten up with lice, as * Pherecydes, or devoured by dogs as Lucian, or thunder-shot and turn'd to ashes, as Olimpius. However descending impenitent into hell, there he is Atheist no longer, but hath as much religion as the devil, *to confesse God and tremble*:

* *Paul. Diacon. lib.* 15.

Nullus in inferno est Atheos, ante fuit.
On earth were Atheists many,
In hell there is not any.

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All speak truth, when they are on the rack; but it is a wofull thing to be hells Convert. And there we leave the Atheist, having dwelt the longer on his Character, because that speech of worthy Mr. * Greenham deserves to be heeded, *That Atheisme in England is more to be feared then Popery.*

* *In his grave Counsell, p. 3.*

To give an instance of a speculative Atheist, is both hard and dangerous: hard; for we cannot see mens speculations otherwise then as they cloth themselves visible in their actions, some Atheisticall speeches being not sufficient evidence to convict the speaker an Atheist. Dangerous; for what satisfaction can I make to their memories, if I challenge any of so foul a crime wrongfully? We may more safely insist on an Atheist in life and conversation; and such a one was he whom we come to describe.

Chap. 7.

The life of Cesar Borgia.

Cesar Borgia was base-son to Rhoderick Borgia, otherwise called Pope Alexander the sixth. This Alexander was the * first of the Popes who openly owned his bastards; & whereas his Predecessours (counting fig-leaves better then nothing to cover their nakedness) disguised them under the names of Nephews and God-sonnes, he was such a savage in his lust as nakedly to acknowledge his base children, and especially this Cesar Borgia, being like his Father in the swarthinesse of the complexion of his soul.

* *Guicciard. History of Italy lib. 1. pag. 10.*

His Father first made him a Cardinall, that thereby his shoulders might be enabled to bear as much Church-preferment as he could load upon him. But Borgia's active spirit disliked the profession, and was *ashamed of the Gospel*, which had more cause to be ashamed of him; wherefore he quickly got a dispensation to uncardinall himself.

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The next hindrance that troubled his high designes was, that his elder brother, the Duke of Candia, stood betwixt him and preferment. It is reported also that these two brothers justled together in their * incest with their own sister Lucretia, one as famous for her whoredomes, as her namesake had * formerly been for her chastity. The throne and the bed cannot severally abide partners, much lesse both meeting together as here they did. Wherefore Cesar Borgia took order that his brother was kill'd one night as he rode alone in the city of Rome, and his body cast into Tyber; and now he himself stood without competitour in his fathers and sisters affection.

* *Idem lib. 3. pag. 179.*

* *Liv. lib. 1.*

His father was infinitely ambitious to advance him, as intending not onely to create him a Duke, but also to create a Dukedome for him, which seemed very difficult if not impossible; for he could neither lengthen the land, nor lessen the sea in Italie, and petty Princes therein were already crouded so thick, there was not any room for any more. However the Pope by fomenting the discords betwixt the French and Spanish about the kingdome of Naples, and by embroyling all the Italian States in civill dissensions, out of their breaches pick'd forth a large Principality for his sonne, managed in this manner.

There is a fair and fruitfull Province in Italie, called Romania, parcelled into severall States, all holding as feodaries from the Pope, but by small pensions, and those seldome paid. They were bound also not to serve in armes against the Church, which old tie they little regarded, and lesse observed, as conceiving time had fretted it asunder; souldiers generally more weighing his gold that entertaineth them, then the cause or enemy against whom they fight. Pope Alexander set his sonne Borgia to reduce that countrey to the Churches jurisdiction, but indeed to subject it to his own absolute hereditary Dominion. This in short time

time he * effected, partly by the assistance of the French King, whose pensioner he was (and by a French title made Duke Ualentinois) and partly by the effectuall aid of the Ursines, a potent Family in Italie.

* *Guicciard. lib. 4. pag. 237.*

But afterward the Ursines too late were sensible of their errour herein, and grew suspicious of his greatnesse. For they in helping him to conquer so many petty States, gathered the severall twigs, bound them into a rod, and put it into his hands to beat them therewith. Whereupon they began by degrees to withdraw their help, which Borgia perceived, and having by flattery and fair promises got the principall of their Family into his hands, he put them* all to the sword. For he was perfect in the devilish art of dealing an ill turn, doing it so suddenly his enemies should not heare of him before, and so soundly, that he should never heare of them afterwards, either striking alwayes surely, or not at all.

* *Machiavill in his Prince, cap. 7.*

And now he thought to cast away his crutches, and stand on his own legs, rendring himself absolute, without being beholden to the French King or any other: Having wholly conquer'd Romania, he cast his eyes on Hetruria, and therein either wan to submission or compliance most of the cities, an earnest of his future finall conquest, had not the unexpected death of his father Pope Alexander prevented him.

This Alexander with his sonne Cesar Borgia intended to poyson some rich Cardinalls, to which purpose a flagon of poysoned wine was prepared: But through the * errour of a servant, not privy to the project, the Pope himself and Borgia his sonne drank thereof, which cost the former his life, and the other a long languishing sickness.

* *Guicciard. l. 6. pag. 307.*

This Cesar Borgia once bragg'd to Machiavill, that he had so cunningly contrived his plots, as to warrant himself against all events. If his father should die first, he had made himself master of such a way, that by the

ſtrength of his party in the city of Rome, and conclave of Cardinalls, he could chuſe what Pope he pleaſed, ſo from him to get aſſurance of this province of Romania to make it hereditary to himſelf. And if (which was improbable) Nature ſhould croſſe her hands, ſo that he ſhould die before his father, yet even then he had chalked out ſuch a courſe as would enſure his conqueſt to his poſterity: ſo that with this politick dilemma he thought himſelf able to diſpute againſt heaven it ſelf.

But (what he afterwards complained of) he never expected that at the ſame time, wherein his father ſhould die, he himſelf ſhould alſo lie deſperately ſick, diſenabled to proſecute his deſignes, till one unexpected counterblaſt of Fortune ruffled yea blew away all his projects ſo curiouſly plaited. Thus three aces chance often not to rub; and Politicians think themſelves to have ſtopp'd every ſmall cranny, when they have left a whole doore open for divine providence to undo all which they have done.

The Cardinalls proceed to the choice of a new Pope, whileſt Borgia lay ſick abed, much bemoaning himſelf; for all others (had they the command of all April ſhowrs) could not beſtow on drop of pity upon him. Pius the third was firſt choſen Pope, anſwering his name, being a devout man (ſuch black ſwans ſeldome ſwim in Tyber) but the chair of Peſtilence choked him within twenty ſix dayes, and in his room Julius was choſen, or rather his greatneſſe choſe himſelf, a ſworn enemy to Ceſar Borgia, who ſtill lay under the Phyſicians hands, and had no power to oppoſe the election, or to ſtrengthen his new-got Dukedome of Romania: the ſtate of his body was to be preferred before the body of his ſtate, and he lay ſtriving to keep life, not to make a Pope. Yea the operation of this poyſon made him vomit up the Dukedome of Romania which he had ſwallowed before, and

whileſt

whilest he lay sick the States and cities therein recovered their own liberties formerly enjoyed.

Indeed this disease made Borgia lose his nails, that he could never after scratch to do any mischief; and being banished Italie, he fled into Navarre, where he was obscurely kill'd in a tumultuous insurrection.

He was a man master in the art of dissembling, never looking the same way he rowed; extremely lustfull, never sparing to tread hen and chickens. At the taking of Capua, where he assisted the French, he reserved * fourty of the faireſt Ladies to be abused by his own wantonnesse. And the prodigality of his lust had long before his death made him bankrupt of all the moysture in his body, if his Physicians had not dayly repaired the decayes therein. He exactly knew the operations of all hot and cold poysons, which would surprise nature on a sudden, and which would weary it out with a long siege. He could contract a hundred toads into one drop, and cunningly infuse the same into any pleasant liquour, as the Italians have poysoning at their fingers ends. By a fig (*which restored Hezekiahs* * *life*) he took away the lives of many. In a word, if he was not a practicall Atheist, I know not who was.

* *Idem, lib. 5. pag. 260.*

* 2. *Kings* 20. 7.

If any desire to know more of his badnesse, let them reade Machiavills Prince, where Borgia is brought in as an * instance of all vilany. And though he deserves to be hiss'd out of Christendome, who will open his mouth in the defence of Machiavills precepts, yet some have dared to defend his person; so that he in his Book shews not what Princes should be, but what then they were, intending that work, not for a glasse for future Kings to dresse themselves by, but onely therein to present the monstrous face of the Politicians of that Age. Sure he who is a devil in this book, is a Saint * in all the rest; and those that knew him, * witnesse him to be of honest life and manners: so that

* Nunquam verebor in exemplum Valentinum subjicere, *Machiavel Prince, cap. 13. pag. 73.*

* *His notes on Livy, but especially his Florentine History savours of Religion.*

* *Boissardus part. 3. Iconum virorum illustrium.*

that which hath ſharpned the pens of many againſt him, is his giving ſo many cleanly wipes to the foul noſes of the Pope and Italian Prelacy.

Chap. 8.

The Hypocrite.

BY *Hypocrite* we underſtand ſuch a one as doth (Iſaiah 32. 6.) *practiſe hypocriſie*, make a trade or work of diſſembling: For otherwiſe, * *Hypocriſeorum macula carere, aut paucorum eſt aut nullorum.* The beſt of Gods children have a ſmack of hypocriſie.

* *Hieronym. lib. 2. contra Pelag. & Auguſt in eadem verba, Serm. 59. de Tempore Maxime* 1.

An Hypocrite is himſelf both the archer and the mark, in all actions ſhooting at his own praiſe or profit. And therefore he doth all things that they may be ſeen: What with others is held a principall point in Law, is his main Maxime in Divinity, To have good witneſſe. Even faſting it ſelf is meat and drink to him, whileſt others behold it.

2 *In the outſide of religion he out-ſhines a ſincere Chriſtian.* Guilt cups glitter more then thoſe of maſsie gold, which are ſeldome burniſh'd. Yea, well may the Hypocrite afford gaudy facing, who cares not for any lining; brave it in the ſhop, that hath nothing in the ware-houſe. Nor is it a wonder if in outward ſervice he out-ſtrips Gods ſervants, who out-doeth Gods command by will-worſhip, giving God more then he requires, though not what moſt he requires, I mean, his heart.

3 *His vizard is commonly pluckt off in this world.* Sincerity is an entire thing in it ſelf: Hypocriſie conſiſts of ſeverall pieces cunningy cloſed together; and ſometimes the Hypocrite is ſmote (as Ahab with an arrow, 1. Kings 22. 34.) betwixt the joynts of his armour, and ſo is mortally wounded in his reputation. Now by theſe ſhrewd ſignes a diſſembler is often diſcovered: Firſt, heavie

heavie cenſuring of others for light faults: ſecondly, boaſting of his own goodneſſe: thirdly, the unequall beating of his pulſe in matters of pietie, hard, ſtrong and quick, in publick actions; weak, ſoft and dull, in private matters: fourthly, ſhrinking in perſecution; for painted faces cannot abide to come nigh the fire.

4 *Yet ſometimes he goes to the grave neither detected nor ſuſpected.* If Maſters in their art, and living in peaceable times wherein pietie and proſperity do not fall out, but agree well together. Maud, mother to King Henry the ſecond, being beſieged in * Wincheſter caſtle, counterfeited herſelf to be dead, and ſo was carried out in a coffin whereby ſhe eſcaped. Another time being beſieged at * Oxford in a cold winter, with wearing white apparell ſhe got away in the ſnow undiſcovered. Thus ſome Hypocrites by diſſembling mortification that they are dead to the world, and by profeſsing a ſnow-like purity in their converſations, eſcape all their life time undiſcerned by mortall eyes.

* *Cambd. Brit. in Hantſhire.*

* *Matth. Paris in Anno Dom. 1141.*

5 *By long diſſembling piety he deceives himſelf at laſt:* Yea, he may grow ſo infatuated as to conceive himſelf no diſſembler but a ſincere Saint. A ſcholar was ſo poſſeſſed with his lively perſonating of King Richard the third, in a Colledge-Comedy, that ever after he was tranſported with a royall humour in his large expences, which brought him to beggery, though he had great preferment. Thus the Hypocrite by long acting the part of piety, at laſt believes himſelf really to be ſuch an one, whom at firſt he did but counterfeit.

6 *God here knows, and hereafter will make Hypocrites known to the whole world.* Ottocar King of Bohemia refuſed to do homage to Rodulphus the firſt, Emperour, till at laſt, chaſtiſed with warre, he was content to do him homage privately in a tent; which tent was ſo contrived by the * Emperours ſervants, that by drawing one cord, it was all taken away, and ſo Ottocar preſented on his knees doing his homage, to the view of three Armies

* *Pantaleon in vita Rodulph. Imperat. lib. de Illuſtrib. Germ. part. 2. 285.*

in preſence. Thus God at laſt ſhall uncaſe the cloſeſt diſſembler to the ſight of men angels and devils, having removed all veils and pretences of piety: no goat in a ſheepskin ſhall ſteal on his right hand at the laſt day of judgement.

Chap. 9.

The life of Jehu.

Jehu the ſonne of Jehoſaphat, the ſonne of Nimſhi, was one of an active ſpirit, and therefore employed to confound the houſe of Ahab; for God, when he means to ſhave clear, chooſes a razour with a ſharp edge, and never ſendeth a ſlug on a meſſage that requireth haſte.

A ſonne of the Prophets ſent by Eliſha privately anointed him King at Ramoth Gilead, whereupon he was proclaimed King by the conſent of the army. Surely God ſent alſo an inviſible meſſenger to the ſouls of his fellow-captains, and anointed their hearts with the oyl of Subjection, as he did Jehu's head with the oyl of Sovereignty.

Secrecie and celerity are the two wheels of great actions. Jehu had both: he marched to Jezreel faſter then Fame could flie, whoſe wings he had clipt by ſtopping all intelligence, that ſo at once he might be ſeen and felt of his enemies. In the way meeting with Jehoram and Ahaziah, he conjoyned them in their deaths who conſorted together in idolatrie. The corps of Jehoram he orders to be caſt into Nabaoths vineyard, a garden of herbs royally dung'd, and watered with bloud.

Next he revengeth Gods Prophets on cruell Jezabell, whoſe wicked carcaſe was devoured by dogs to a ſmall reverſion, as if a head that plotted, & hands that practiſ'd ſo much miſchief, & feet ſo ſwift to ſhed bloud were not meat good enough for dogs to eat. Then by a letter he commands

mands the heads of Ahabs ſeventy ſonnes (their Guardians turning their executioners) whoſe heads being laid on two heaps at the gate of Jezreel ſerved for two ſoft pillows for Jehu to ſleep ſweetly upon, having all thoſe corrivalls to the Crown taken away.

The Prieſts of Baal follow after. With a prettywile he fetches them all into the temple of their Idole, where having ended their ſacrifice, they themſelves were ſacrificed. However I dare not acquit Jehu herein. In Holy Fraud I like the Chriſtian but not the ſirname thereof, and wonder how any can marry theſe two together in the ſame action, ſeeing ſurely the parties were never agreed. This I dare ſay, Be it unjuſt in Jehu, it was juſt with God, that the worſhippers of a falſe God ſhould be deceived with a feigned worſhip.

Hitherto I like Jehu as well as Joſiah; his zeal blazed as much: But having now got the Crown, he diſcovers himſelf a diſſembling Hypocrite. It was an ill ſigne when he ſaid to Jonadab the ſonne of Rechab, *Come with me, and ſee my zeal for the Lord.* Bad inviting gueſts to feed their eyes on our goodneſſe. But Hypocrites rather then they will loſe a drop of praiſe will lick it up with their own tongue.

Before, he had diſſembled with Baal, now he counterfeits with God. *He took no heed to walk in the way of the Lord God of Iſrael with all his heart*: formerly his ſword had two edges, one cut for Gods glory, the other for his own preferment. He that before drove ſo furiouſly, whileſt his private ends whipt on his horſes, now will not go a footpace in Gods commandments, *He departed not from the golden calves in Dan and Bethel.*

I know what Fleſh will object, that this State-ſinne Jehu muſt commit to maintain his kingdome: for the lions of gold did ſupport the throne of Solomon, but the calves of gold the throne of Jeroboam and his Succeſſours. Should he ſuffer his Subjects to go up to Jeruſalem

* Exod. 34. 23. salem *thrice a yeare* (as the Law * of Moses commanded) this would un-King him in effect, as leaving him no able Subjects to command. And as one in the heathen Poet complains,

Tres sumus imbelles numero, sine viribus uxor,
Laertesque senex, Telemachusque puer.

Three weaklings we, a wife for warre too mild,
Laertes old, Telemachus a child.

So thrice a yeare should Jehu onely be King over such an impotent company of old men, women, and children. Besides, it was to be feared that the ten Tribes going to Jerusalem to worship, where they fetch'd their God, would also have their King.

But Faith will answer, that God that built Jehu's throne without hands, could support it without buttresses, or being beholden to idolatry: And therefore herein Jehu, who would needs piece out Gods providence with his own carnall policie, was like a fooliſh greedy gamester, who having all the game in his own hand steals a needlesse card to assure himself of winning the stake, and thereby loses all. For this deep diver was drown'd in his own policie, and Hazael King of Syria was raised up by God to trouble and molest them. Yet God rewarded him with a lease of the Kingdome of foure successive lives, who had he been sincere would have assured him of a Crown here and hereafter.

CHAP. 10.

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The Heretick.

IT is very difficult accurately to define him. Amongst the Heathen *Atheist* was, and amongst Christians *Heretick* is the disgracefull word of course, alwayes cast upon those who dissent from the predominant current of the time. Thus those who in matters of opinion varied from the * Popes copie the least hair-stroke, are condemned for Hereticks. Yea, Virgilius Bishop of Saltzburg was branded with that censure for maintaining that there were * Antipodes opposite to the then known world. It may be, as Alexander, hearing the Philosophers dispute of more worlds, wept that he had conquered no part of them; so it grieved the Pope that these Antipodes were not subject to his jurisdiction, which much incensed his Holinesse against that strange opinion. We will branch the description of an Heretick into these three parts.

* Hîc videtur quòd omnis qui non obedit statutis Romanæ sedis sit Hæreticus, *Glossa in C. nulli dist. 19. in verbo* Prostratus.
* *Joh. Avent. lib. 3. Annal. Boior.*

First, he is one that formerly hath been of the true Church: * *They went out from us, but they were not of us.* These afterwards prove more offensive to the Church then very Pagans; as the English-Irish, descended anciently of English Parentage (be it spoken with the more shame to them, and sorrow to us) turning wild become worse enemies to our Nation then the Native Irish themselves.

* 1. John 2. 19.

2. Maintaining a Fundamentall errour. Every scratch in the hand is not a stab to the heart; nor doth every false opinion make a Heretick.
3. With obstinacy. Which is the dead flesh, making the green wound of an errour fester into the old soare of an Heresie.

It matters not much what manner of person he hath. If beautifull, perchance the more attractive of feminine fol-

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lowers: If deformed, ſo that his body is as odde as his opinions, he is the more properly entitled to the reputation of *crooked Saint.*

2 *His naturall parts are quick and able.* Yet he that ſhall ride on a winged horſe to tell him thereof, ſhall but come too late to bring him ſtale news of what he knew too well before.

3 *Learning is neceſſary in him if he trades in a criticall errour*: but if he onely broches dregs, and deals in ſome dull ſottiſh opinion, a trovell will ſerve as well as a pencill to daub on ſuch thick courſe colours. Yea in ſome Hereſies deep ſtudying is ſo uſeleſſe, that the firſt thing they learn, is to inveigh againſt all learning.

4 *However ſome ſmattering in the originall tongues will do well.* On occaſion he will let flie whole vollies of Greek and Hebrew words, whereby he not onely amazeth his ignorant Auditours, but alſo in conferences daunteth many of his oppoſers, who (though in all other learning farre his ſuperiours) may perchance be conſcious of want of skill in thoſe languages, whileſt the Heretick hereby gains credit to his cauſe and perſon.

5 *His behaviour is ſeemingly very pious and devout.* How foul ſoever the poſtern and backdoore be, the gate opening to the ſtreet is ſwept and garniſhed, and his outſide adorned with pretended auſterity.

6 *He is extremely proud and diſcontented with the times*, quarrelling that many beneath him in piety are above him in place. This pride hath cauſed many men which otherwiſe might have been *ſhining lights* prove ſmoaking firebrands in the Church.

7 *Having firſt hammered the hereſie in himſelf, he then falls to ſeducing of others*: ſo hard it is for one to have the itch and not to ſcratch. Yea Babylon her ſelf will alledge, that *for Sions ſake ſhe will not hold her peace.* The neceſsity of propogating the truth is errours plea to divulge her falſhoods. Men, as naturally they deſire to know, ſo they deſire what they know ſhould be known.

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8 *If challenged to a private disputе, his impudence bears him out.* He counts it the onely errour to confesse he hath erred. His face is of brasse, which may be said either ever or never to blush. In disputing his *Modus* is *sine modo*; and as if all figures (even in Logick) were magicall, he neglects all forms of reasoning, counting that the onely Syllogisme which is his conclusion.

9 *He slights any Synod if condemning his opinions*; esteeming the decisions thereof no more then the forfeits in a barbers shop, where a Gentlemans pleasure is all the obligation to pay, and none are bound except they will bind themselves.

10 *Sometimes he comes to be put to death for his obstinacy.* Indeed some charitable Divines have counted it inconsistent with the lenity of the Gospel, which is to expect and endeavour the amendment of all, to put any to death for their false opinions; and we reade of S. Paul (though the Papists paint him alwayes with a sword) that he onely came *with a rod*. However the * mildest Authours allow that the Magistrate may inflict capitall punishment on Hereticks, in cases of

*Gerards Common places de Magistrat. Polit. p. 1047.

1. Sedition against the State wherein he lives. And indeed such is the sympathy betwixt Church and Commonwealth that there are few Heresies, except they be purely speculative (and so I may say have heads without hands or any practicall influence) but in time the violent maintainers of them may make a dangerous impression in the State.
2. Blasphemy against God, and those points of religion which are awfully to be believed.

For either of these our Heretick sometimes willingly undergoes death, and then in the Calendar of his own conceit he canonizeth himself for a Saint, yea a Martyr.

Chap. II.

The rigid Donatists.

Anno Domini 331.

THe Donatists were so called from a double Donatus, whereof the one planted the sect, the other water'd it, & the devil by Gods permission gave the increase. The elder Donatus being one of tolerable parts, and intolerable pride, rais'd a Schisme in Carthage against good Cecilian the Bishop there, whom he loaded unjustly with many crimes, which he was not able to prove; and vexed with this disgrace he thought to right his credit by wronging religion, and so began the * heresie of Donatists.

* *Augustin. ad Quod vult Deum.*

His most dominative tenet was, that the Church was perished from the face of the earth, the reliques thereof onely remaining in his party. I instance the rather on this Heresie, because the reviving thereof is the new disease of our times. One * Vibius in Rome was so like unto Pompey, *ut permutato statu Pompeius in illo, & ille in Pompeio salutari posset*: Thus the Anabaptists of our dayes, and such as are Anabaptistically inclin'd, in all particulars resemble the old Donatists, abating onely that difference which is necessarily required to make them alike.

* *Valer. Max. lib. 9. cap. 15.*

The epithet of *rigid* I therefore do adde, to seperate the Donatists from themselves, who seperated themselves from all other Christians. For there were two principall sides of them: first, the Rogatists, from Rogatus their teacher, to whom S. Augustine beareth witnesse that *they had zeal but not according to knowledge.* These were pious people for their lives, hating bloudy practices, though erroneous in their doctrine. The learned * Fathers of that age count them part of the true Church, and their brethren, though they themselves disclaim'd any such brotherhood with other Christians.

* Ipsum Fraternitatis nomen utcunque Donatistis fastidiosum, est tamen orthodoxis erga ipsos Donatistas necessarium, *Optat. lib. 3. init.*

Christians. Oh the sacred violence of such worthy mens charity in plucking those to them which thrust themselves away! But there was another sort of Jesuited Donatists, as I may say, whom they called *Circumcellions*, though as little reason can be given of their * name as of their opinions, whom we principally intend at this time.

* *S. August. in Psal.* 132. quia circum cellas vagantur, *count them so called; which is rather his Allusion then the true Etymologie.*

Their number in short time grew not onely to be considerable but terrible: their tenet was plausible and winning; and that Faith is easily wrought which teacheth men to believe well of themselves. From Numidia, where they began, they overspread Africa, Spain, France, Italie and Rome it self. We find not any in Brittain, where * Pelagianisme mightily reigned: either because God in his goodnesse would not have one countrey at the same time visited with a double plague, or else because this infection was to come to this Iland in after-ages, furbished up under a new name.

*Sr H. Spelman Councells, pag. 446.

Their greatest increase was under Julian the Emperour. This Apostate next to no religion loved the worst religion best, and was a profess'd friend to all foes of goodnesse. The Donatists, being punished under former Christian Emperours, repaired to him for succour, not caring whether it was an Olive or a Bramble they fled to, so be it afforded them shelter. They extoll'd him for such a godly man (flattery and false doctrine go ever together) *with whom alone* * *justice did remain*, and he restored them their good Churches again, & armed them with many priviledges against Christians. Hereupon they raised a cruell persecution, killing many men in the very Churches, murthering women and infants, defiling virgins, or ravishing them rather, for consent onely defiles. God keep us from standing in the way where blind zeal is to passe, for it will trample down all before it, and mercy shall as soon be found at the hands of prevailing cowards. What the

* *Quòd apud eum solum justitia locum haberet*, Aug. contra literas Petil. lib. 2. cap. 97.

Anabaptists did in Germany, we know; what they would do here, had they power, God knows. The best security we have they will do no harm is because they cannot.

We come to set down some of their principall opinions: I say, Principall; for at last they did enterfere with all Hereticks, Arians, Macedonians, &c. ignorant zeal is too blind to go right, and too active to stand still: yea all errours are of kinne, at the fartheſt but cousens once removed; and when men have once left the truth, their onely quiet home, they will take up their lodging under any opinion which hath the least shadow of probability. We will also set down some of their reasons, and how they torture Scripture with violent interpretations to wrest from it a confession on their side, yet all in vain.

First Position.

That the true Church was perished from the face of the earth, the remnants thereof being onely *in parte Donati*, in that * part of Africa where Donatus and his followers were. The Anabaptists in like manner stifle Gods Church by crowding it into their corner, confining the monarchy of Christ in the Gospel unto their own toparchy, and having a quarrell to the words in the Creed, *Catholique Church.*

* *Auguſt. lib 2. contra Creſcon. cap. 37.*

The Donatists Reasons.

It is said, Canticles. 1. 7. *Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth, where thou feedest, where thou makest thy flocks to rest in the South.* By this the Donatists are meant: Africa wherein they lived was in the South.

Confutation.

An argument drawn from an * allegorie is weak, except all the obscurities therein be first explained. Besides, Africa Cesarienſis (where the Donatists were) was much more West then South from Judea. But Gods Church cannot be contracted to the Chapell of Donatus, to which God himself (the trueſt surveyour) alloweth

* Quis non impudentiſſimè nitatur aliquid in allegoria poſitum pro ſe interpretari, niſi habeat & manifeſta teſtimonia quorum lumine illuſtrentur obſcura, *Aug. Tom. Epiſt. 48. ad Vincent.*

alloweth larger bounds, Psalm. 2. 8. *Ask of me, and I will give thee the Heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.* Now the restrainers of the Church to a small place (as much as in them lies) falsifie Gods promise and shorten Christs portion. Many other * places speak the large extent of the Gospel, Gen. 22. 17. Gen. 28. 14. Psal. 72. 8. &c.

*Optat. Milev. lib. 2. & Aug. contra liter. Petil. cap. 6, 7, 8.

Second Position.

That their Church consisted of an holy company, pure and undefiled indeed. Thus also the Anabaptists brag of their holinesse, as if nothing else were required to make men pure but a conceit that they are so. Sure had they no other fault but want of charity, their hands could not be clean who throw so much dirt on other mens faces.

Reasons.

It is said, Ephes. 5. 27. *That Christ might present to himself a glorious Church, without spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish*: which the Donatists appropriate to themselves.

Confutation.

This glorious presentation of the Church is * performed in the world to come. Here it consisteth of sinners (who had rather confesse their wrinkles then paint them) and had need to pray dayly, *And forgive us our trespasses.*

* *Aug. ut priùs adVincentium, & epist. 50. ad Bonifac.*

Third Position.

That mixt Communions were infectious, and the pious promiscuously receiving with the profane are polluted thereby. Heare the Anabaptizing sing the same note, *By* **profane and ignorant persons coming to the Lords table, others also that communicate with them are guilty of the same profanation.*

* *Protestation protested, p. 14.*

Reasons.

Because severall places of Scripture commend, yea command, a separation from them. Jerem. 15. 19. *Take forth the pretious from the vile.* 2. Cor. 6. 17. *Be ye separate,*

parate and touch no unclean thing. 2. Theſſ. 3. 6. *Withdraw your ſelves from every brother that walketh diſorderly.* 1. Cor. 5. 7. *Purge out therefore the old leven, &c.*

Confutation.

In theſe and the like places two things are enjoyned: firſt, a ſeparation from intimate familiarity with profane perſons; ſecondly, a ſeparation from their vices and wickedneſſe, by deteſting and diſclaiming them: but neither civill State-ſociety, nor publick Church-communion is hereby prohibited. By *purging out the old leven,* Church-cenſures are meant, to excommunicate the openly profane. But that mixt Communions pollute not, appears, becauſe S. Paul ſaith, 1. Cor. 11. 28. *But let a man examine himſelf, and ſo let him eat of that bread,* &c. but enjoyns not men to examine others; which was neceſſary if bad Communicants did defile. It neither makes the cheere or welcome the worſe to ſit next to him at Gods table who wants a wedding-garment, for he that touches his perſon, but diſclaims his practices, is as farre from him, as the Eaſt from the Weſt, yea as heaven from hell. In bodily diſeaſes one may be infected without his knowledge, againſt his will: not ſo in ſpirituall contagions, where * *acceditur ad vitium corruptionis vitio conſenſionis,* and none can be infected againſt their conſent.

Auguſt. contr. Don. poſt Coll. Lib.

Fourth Poſition.

That the godly were bound to ſever from the ſociety of the wicked, and not to keep any communion with them. Thus the moſt rigid of modern Factours for the Independent congregations would draw their files out of the army of our Nationall Church, and ſet up a congregation wherein Chriſt ſhall reigne in Beautie and Puritie. But they may flie ſo far from myſticall Babylon as to run to literall Babel, I mean bring all to confuſion, and founder the Commonwealth: For they that ſtride ſo wide at once will go farre with few paces.

Reaſon.

Reason.

Becauſe it is written, 2 Cor. 6. 14. *What* * *communion hath light with darkneſſe?* and in other places, to the ſame effect.

* *Aug. lib. 2. contra Petil. cap. 39.*

Confutation.

The anſwer is the ſame with the former: But the tares ſhall grow with the corn. And in the viſible militant Church and kingdome of grace, that wicked men ſhall be unſeparablie mingled with the godly, beſides our Saviours teſtimonie, Matt. 13. 30. theſe reaſons do approve: firſt, becauſe Hypocrites can never be ſevered, but by him that can ſearch the heart; ſecondly, becauſe if men ſhould make the ſeparation, weak Chriſtians would be counted no Chriſtians, and thoſe who have a grain of grace under a load of imperfections would be counted reprobates; thirdly, becauſe Gods veſſells of honour from all eternitie, not as yet appearing, but wallowing in ſinne, would be made caſtawayes; fourthly, becauſe God by the mixture of the wicked with the godly will try the watchfulneſſe and patience of his ſervants; fifthly, becauſe thereby he will beſtow many favours on the wicked, to clear his juſtice, and render them the more inexcuſable: laſtly, becauſe the mixture of the wicked, grieving the godly, will make them the more heartily pray for the day of judgement. The deſire of future glory makes the godly to cry, *Come Lord Jeſus*; but the feeling of preſent pain (whereof they are moſt ſenſible) cauſeth the ingemination, *Come Lord Jeſus, come quickly.* In a word as it is wholſome for a flock of ſheep for ſome goats to feed amongſt them, their bad ſent being good Phiſick for the ſheep to keep them from the *Shakings*; ſo much profit redounds to the godly by the neceſſary mixture of the wicked amongſt them, making the pious to ſtick the faſter to God and goodneſſe.

Fifth Poſition.

That * the efficacie of the Sacrament depends on the

* *Aug. lib. 1. contra liter. Petil. cap. 1.*

piety of the Miniſter; ſo that in effect his piety waſheth the water in baptiſme, and ſanctifieth it, whereas the profaneneſſe of a bad man adminiſtring it doth unſacrament baptiſme it ſelf, making a nullity thereof. Herein the Anabaptiſts joyn hands with them, as 'tis generally known by their re-baptizing: Yea * ſome tending that way have maintained, that Sacraments received from ignorant and unpreaching Miniſters are of no validity.

** J. Penry p. 46. and 49.*

Reaſon.

It is written, Matth. 7. 18. *A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.*

Confutation.

This is true of mens perſonall, but not of their miniſteriall acts: that Miniſter that can adde the word * of inſtitution to the element, makes a ſufficient Sacrament: And Sacraments, like to ſhelmeats, may be eaten after fowl hands, without any harm. *Cum * obſint indigne tractantibus, proſint tamen digne ſumentibus.* Yet God make all Miniſters pious, painfull, and able: we, if beholding the preſent age, may juſtly bemoan their want, who remembring the former age, muſt as juſtly admire their plenty.

** Aug. tract. 80. in Johan.*

** Idem contra Parmen. lib. 2. cap. 10.*

Sixth Poſition.

That all learning and * eloquence was to be condemn'd. Late Sectariſts go farther: Greenwood and Barrow * moved Queen Elizabeth to aboliſh both Univerſities,

Which we believe and wiſh may then be done,
When all blear eyes have quite put out the ſunne.

** Idem. lib. 1. contra Creſco. cap. 30.*
** Dr Soame writing against them, lib. 2. pag. 4.*

Reaſon.

Becauſe learning hath been the cauſe of many Hereſies, and diſcords in the Church.

Confutation.

Not learning but the conceit thereof in thoſe that wanted it, and the abuſe thereof in ſuch as had it, cauſed Hereticks.

Seventh

Seventh Position.

That Magistrates have no power to compell people to serve God by outward punishment: which is also the distill'd position of our Anabaptists, thus blinding the Ministers, and binding the Magistrate, what work do they make?

Reason.

Because it is a breach of the * liberty of the creature: The King of heaven gave not men freewill, for the Kings of the earth to take it away from them.

* *August lib. 3. cont. Crescon. cap. 51.*

Confutation.

God gave men freewill to use it well; if they abuse it, God gave Magistrates power to punish them, else they *bear the sword in vain.* They may command people to serve God, who herein have no cause to complain; better *to be compell'd to a feast*, Luke 14. 23. then to runne to a fray. But these men who would not have Magistrates compell them, *quære* whether if they had power they would not compell Magistrates.

The Donatists also did mightily boast of miracles and visions: they made nothing to step into the third heaven, and have familiar * dialogues with God himself: they used also to cite their revelations as arguments for their opinions; we will trust the coppy of such their visions to be true, when we see the originall produc'd: herein the Anabaptists come not behind them. Strange was the Donatists ambition of Martyrdome; they used to force such as they met to wound them mortally, or violently to stab and kill them; and on purpose to fall down from * steep mountains, which one day may wish the mountains to fall on them. For Martyrs are to die willingly but not wilfully; and though to die be a debt due to nature, yet he that payes it before the time, may be called upon for repayment to die the second death.

* Donatus oravit, respondet ei Deus de cœlo, *Aug. in Johann. tract. 3. prope finem.*

* *Theodoretus in fabulis Haret.*

Once many Donatists met a noble * Gentleman, and gave him a sword into his hand, commanding him

* *Centuriator. cent. 4 c. 5 p. 211. ex Theodoreto.*

to kill them, or threatning to kill him. Yet he refus'd to do it, unlesse first they would suffer him to bind them all; for fear, said he, that when I have kill'd one or two of you, the rest alter their minds and fall upon me. Having fast bound them all, he soundly whipt them, and so let them alone. Herein he shewed more wit then they wanted, and more charity then wit, denying them their desires, and giving them their deserts, seeking to make true Saints by marring of false Martyrs.

These Donatists were opposed by the learned writings of private Fathers, Optatus Milevitanus, and S. Augustine (no Heresie could bud out, but presently his pruning-hook was at it) and by whole Councells, one at Carthage, another at Arles. But the Donatists, whilest blessing themselves, cared not for the Churches Anathema's; being so farre from fearing her excommunications, that they prevented them in first excommunicating themselves by separation; and they count it a kindnesse to be shut out, who would willingly be gone. Besides, they called at * Carthage an Anti-councell of their own faction, consisting of two hundred seventy Bishops, to confirm their opinions. Let Truth never challenge Errour at the weapon of number alone, without other arguments; for some Orthodox Councells have had fewer suffrages in them, then this Donatisticall conventicle; and we may see small Pocket-Bibles, and a great Folio-Alchoran.

* *Aug. Epist. ad Vincentium.*

But that which put the period to this Heresie (for after the six hundredth yeare of Christ the Donatist appears not, *I looked after his place and he was not to be found*) was partly their own dissensions, for they * crumbled into severall divisions amongst themselves: Besides the honest Rogatists (of whom before) they had severall sects, some more, some lesse strict, called from their severall masters, Cresconians, * Petilians, Ticonians, Parmenians, Maximians, &c. which much differed amongst

* *In minutula frustula, Idem.*
* *Petilian went not so farre as the rest, Aug. lib. 3. de correct. Donati c. 17. 19. Vid Aug. de schism. Maxim. brevi. collat. 3 diei.*

amongst themselves. Thus is it given to all Heresies to break out into under-factions, still going further in their tenets; and such as take themselves to be twice-refined will count all others to be but drosse, till there be as many Heresies as Hereticks, like the Ammonites, so scattered by Saul, 1. Sam. 11. 11. *that there remained not two of them which were together.*

But chiefly they were suppressed by the civill Magistrate (Moses will do more with a frown then Aaron with a blow, I mean with Church-censures) for * Honorius the godly Emperour (with his arm above a thousand miles long) easily reach'd them in Europe, Asia, and Africa, and by punishments mixt with the Churches instructions converted and reclaimed very many.

* *He caused the Patent of priviledge which Julian granted the Donatists,* publicis locis affigendum in ludibrium: *vide Baron. in Anno. 362. num. 264.*

In such a case teaching without punishment had done little good, and punishment without teaching would have done much harm; both mingled together, by Gods blessing, caused the conversion of many, and finall suppression of that Heresie.

The same God of his goodnesse grant that by the same means such as revive this Heresie nowadayes may have their eyes opened and their mouthes stopp'd, their pride lesse and their knowledge more, that those may be stayed which are going, and those brought back which are gone into their dangerous opinions. For if the angels in heaven rejoyce at the conversion of a sinner, none but devils and men devilishly minded will be sorrowfull thereat.

Chap. 12.

The Lyer

IS one that makes a trade to tell falſhoods with intent to deceive. He is either open or ſecret. A ſecret Lyer or Equivocatour is ſuch a one as by mentall reſervations and other tricks deceives him to whom he ſpeaks, being lawfully called to deliver all the truth. And ſure ſpeech being but a coppy of the heart, it cannot be avouched for a true coppy, that hath leſſe in it then the originall. Hence it often comes to paſſe,

When Jeſuites unto us anſwer Nay,
They do not Engliſh ſpeak, t'is Greek they ſay.

Such an Equivocatour we leave, more needing a Book then Character to deſcribe him. The open Lyer is firſt, either Miſchievous, condemn'd by all; ſecondly, Officious, unlawfull alſo, becauſe doing ill for good to come of it; thirdly, Jeſting, when in ſport and merriment. And though ſome count a Jeſting lie to be like the dirt of oyſters, which (they ſay) never ſtains, yet is it a ſinne in earneſt. What Policie is it for one to wound himſelf to tickle others, and to ſtab his own ſoul to make the ſtanders by ſport? We come to deſcribe the Lyer.

Maxime 1. *At firſt he telles a lie with ſome ſhame and reluctancy.* For then if he cuts off but a lap of Truths garment his heart ſmites him; but in proceſſe of time he conquers his Conſcience, and from quenching it there ariſeth a ſmoak which ſoots and fouls his ſoul, ſo that afterwards he lyes without any regret.

2 *Having made one lye he is fain to make more to maintain it.* For an untruth wanting a firm foundation needs many buttreſſes. The honour and happineſſe of the * Iſraelites is the miſery and miſchief of lyes, *Not one amongſt them ſhall be barren*, but miraculouſly procreative to beget others.

* *Deut.* 7. 14.

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He hath a good memory which he badly abuseth. Memory in a Lyer is no more then needs. For first lies are hard to be remembred, because many, whereas truth is but one: secondly, because a lie cursorily told takes little footing and settled fastnesse in the tellers memory, but prints it self deeper in the hearers, who take the greater notice because of the improbability and deformity thereof; and one will remember the sight of a monster longer then the sight of an handsome body. Hence comes it to passe that when the Lyer hath forgotten himself, his Auditours put him in mind of the lye, and take him therein. 3

Sometimes though his memory cannot help him from being arrested for lying, his wit rescues him: which needs a long reach to bring all ends presently and probably together, gluing the splinters of his tales so cunningly that the cracks cannot be perceived. Thus a reliquemonger bragg'd he could shew a feather of the dove at Christs baptisme; but being to shew it to the people, a wag had stollen away the feather and put a coal in the room of it. *Well*, quoth he to the Spectatours, *I cannot be so good as my word for the present; but here is one of the coals*that broil'd S. Laurence, and that's worth the seeing.* 4

* *Chamnitius in exam. cont. Trident. part. 4. p. 12.*

Being challenged for telling a lye no man is more furiously angry. Then he draws his sword and threatens, because he thinks that an offer of revenge, to shew himself moved at the accusation, doth in some sort discharge him of the imputation; as if the condemning of the sinne in appearance acquitted him in effect: or else because he that is call'd a Lyer to his face, is also call'd a Coward in the same breath if he swallows it; and the party charged doth conceive that if he vindicates his valour, his truth will be given him into the bargain. 5

At last he believes his own lies to be true. He hath told them over and over so often, that prescription makes 6

a right, and he verily believes that at the first he gathered the story out of some authenticall Authour, which onely grew in his own brain.

7 *No man else believes him when he speaks the truth.* How much gold soever he hath in his chest, his word is but brasse, and passeth for nothing: yea he is dumb in effect, for it is all one whether one cannot speak, or cannot be believed.

To conclude: Some of the west Indians to expiate their sinne of lying use to let themselves bloud in their tongues, and to offer the bloud to their idols: A good cure for the squinancie, but no satisfaction for lying. Gods word hath taught us better, *What profit is there in my bloud?* The true repentance of the party wash'd in the bloud of Christ can onely obtain pardon for this sinne.

Chap. 13.

The common Barreter.

A Barreter is an horseleach that onely sucks the corrupted bloud of the Law. He trades onely in tricks and quirks: His highway is in by-paths, and he loveth a cavill better then an argument, an evasion then an answer. There be two kinds of them: either such as fight themselves, or are trumpeters in a battel to set on others. The former is a profest dueller in the Law that will challenge any, and in all suite-combats be either principall or second.

Maxime 1 *References & compositions he hates as bad as an hangman hates a pardon.* Had he been a Scholar, he would have maintained all paradoxes; if a Chirurgion, he would never have cured a wound but alwayes kept it raw; if a Souldier, he would have been excellent at a siege, nothing but *ejectio firma* would out him.

2 *He is half starv'd in the lent of a long vacation for want of imployment;*

employment; save onely that then he brews work to broach in Term-time. I find one so much delighted in Law-sport, that when *Lewis the King of France offered to ease him of a number of suits, he earnestly besought his Highnesse to leave him some twenty or thirty behind, wherewith he might merrily passe away the time.

** Stephens Apol. for Herodotus.*

He hath this property of an honest man, that his word is as good as his band; for he will pick the lock of the strongest conveiance, or creep out at the lattice of a word. Wherefore he counts to enter common with others as good as his own severall; for he will so vex his partners, that they had rather forgoe their right, then undergoe a suit with him. As for the trumpeter Barretour, 3

He falls in with all his neighbours that fall out, and spurres them on to go to law. A Gentleman, who in a duell was rather scratcht then wounded, sent for a Chirurgion, who having opened the wound, charged his man with all speed to fetch such a salve from such a place in his study. *Why* (said the Gentleman) *is the hurt so dangerous?* *Oh yes* (answered the Chirurgion) *if he returns not in post-hast the wound will cure it self, and so I shall lose my fee.* Thus the Barretour posts to the houses of his neighbours, lest the sparks of their small discords should go out before he brings them fuell, and so he be broken by their making up. Surely he loves not to have the bells rung in a peal, but he likes it rather when they are jangled backward, himself having kindled the fire of dissension amongst his neighbours. 4

He lives till his clothes have as many rents as himself hath made dissensions. I wonder any should be of this trade, when none ever thrived on't, paying dear rates for their counsells: for bringing many crack'd titles, they are fain to fill up their gaping chinks with the more gold. 5

But I have done with this wrangling companion, half afraid to meddle with him any longer lest

he should commence a suit against me for describing him.

The Reader may easily perceive how this Book of the Profane State would swell to a great proportion, should we therein character all the kinds of vicious persons which stand in opposition to those which are good. But this pains may well be spared, seeing that *rectum est index sui & obliqui*; and the lustre of the good formerly described will sufficiently discover the enormity of those which are otherwise. We will therefore instance in three principall offenders, and so conclude.

Chap. 14.

The Degenerous Gentleman.

SOme will chalenge this title of incongruity, as if those two words were so dissonant, that a whole sentence cannot hold them; for sure where the Gentleman is the root, Degenerous cannot be the fruit. But if any quarrell with my words, Valerius Maximus shall be my champion, who styleth such, * *Nobilia Portenta.* By *Gentleman* we understand one whom the Heralds (except they will deny their best Records) must allow of ancient parentage. Such a one, when a child, being kept the devils Nazarite, that no razor of correction must come upon his head in his fathers family, see what he proves in the processe of time, brought to extreme poverty. Herein we intend no invective glance on those pious Gentlemen, whose states are consumed through Gods secret judgement, and none of the owners visible default; onely we meddle with such as by careleſneſſe and riot cause their own ruine.

* *Valer. Max. lib. 3 cap. 5.*

Maxime 1. *He goes to school to learn in jest and play in earnest.* Now this Gentleman, now that Gentlewoman begges him a playday, and now the book must be thrown away, that he may see the buck hunted. He comes to school late,

late, departs ſoon, and the whole yeare with him (like the fortnight when Chriſtmas day falls on a tueſday) is all Holidayes and half-Holidayes. And as the Poets feigne of Thetis, that ſhe drench'd Achilles her ſonne in the Stygian waters, that he might not be wounded with any weapon; ſo cockering mothers inchant their ſonnes to make them rod-free, which they do by making ſome golden circles in the hand of the Schoolmaſter: thus theſe two conjoyning together make the indentures to bind the youth to eternall ignorance; yet perchance he may get ſome almes of learning, here a ſnap, there a piece of knowledge, but nothing to purpoſe.

2 *His fathers Servingmen (which he counts no mean preferment) admit him into their ſociety.* Going to a drinking match they carry him with them to enter him, and applaud his hopefulneſſe, finding him vicious beyond his age. The Butler makes him free (having firſt pai'd his fees accuſtomed) of his own fathers cellar, and gueſſeth the profoundneſſe of his young maſters capacity by the depth of the whole-ones he fetcheth off.

3 *Coming to the Univerſity, his chief ſtudy is to ſtudy nothing.* What is Learning but a cloakbag of books, cumberſome for a Gentleman to carry? and the Muſes fit to make wives for Farmers ſonnes: perchance his own Tutour, for the promiſe of the next living (which notwithſtanding his promiſe he afterwards ſells to another) contributes to his undoing, letting him live as he liſt: yea, perhaps his own mother (whileſt his father diets him for his health with a moderate allowance) makes him ſurfet underhand by ſending him money. Thus whileſt ſome complain that the Univerſity infected him, he infected the Univerſitie, from which he ſuck'd no milk but poyſoned her nipples.

4 *At the Innes of Court under pretence to learn Law, he learns to be lawleſſe*; not knowing by his ſtudy ſo much as what an Execution means, till he learns it by his own

dear experience. Here he grows acquainted with the *Roaring Boyes*, I am afraid ſo called by a wofull Prolepſis, Here, for Hereafter. What formerly was counted the chief credit of an Oratour, theſe eſteem the honour of a Swearer, *Pronunciation*, to mouth an oath with a graceleſſe grace. Theſe (as David ſaith) *cloath themſelves with curſes as with a garment*, and therefore deſire to be in the lateſt faſhion both in their cloaths and curſes: Theſe infuſe all their skill into their young novice, who ſhortly proves ſuch a proficient, that he exceeds his Maſters in all kinds of vicious courſes.

5 *Through the mediation of a Scrivener he grows acquainted with ſome great Uſurer.* Nor is this youngſter ſo ravenous, as the other is ready to feed him with money, ſometimes with a courteous violence forcing on him more then he deſires, provided the ſecurity be good, except the Uſurer be ſo valiant as to hazard the loſing of a ſmall hook to catch a great fiſh, and will adventure to truſt him, if his eſtate in hope be overmeaſure, though he himſelf be under age. Now the greater part of the money he takes up is not for his own ſpending, but to pay the ſhot of other mens riot.

6 *After his fathers death he flies out more then ever before.* Formerly he took care for means for his ſpending, now he takes care for ſpending for his means. His wealth is ſo deep a gulf, no riot can ever ſound the bottome of it. To make his gueſts drunk is the onely ſeal of their welcome. His very meaneſt ſervant may be maſter of the cellar, and thoſe who deſerve no beere may command the beſt wine: ſuch dancing by day, ſuch masking by night, ſuch roaring, ſuch revelling, able to awake the ſleeping aſhes of his Great-great-grandfather, and to fright all bleſsing from his houſe.

7 *Mean time the old ſoare of his London-debts corrupts and feſters.* He is careleſſe to take out the dead fleſh, or to diſcharge either principall or intereſt. Such ſmall leaks are not worth the ſtopping or ſearching for till they be

greater;

greater; he ſhould undervalue himſelf to pay a ſumme before it grew conſiderable for a man of his eſtate. Nor can he be more careleſſe to pay, then the Uſurer is willing to continue the debt, knowing that his bands, like infants, battle beſt with ſleeping.

8 *Vacation is his vocation, and he ſcorns to follow any profeſſion;* and will not be confin'd to any laudable employment. But they who count a calling a priſon, ſhall at laſt make a priſon their calling. He inſtills alſo his lazie principles into his children, being of the ſame opinion with the Neapolitane Gentry, who ſtand ſo on the * puntoes of their honour, that they preferre robbery before induſtry, and will rather ſuffer their daughter to make merchandiſe of her chaſtity, then marry the richeſt merchant.

* *Sr William Segar in his Honours milit. and civill.*

9 *Drinking is one of the principall Liberall Sciences he profeſſeth.* A moſt ungentile quality, fit to be baniſhed to rogues and rags. It was anciently counted a Dutch vice, and ſwarmed moſt in that countrey. I remember a ſad accident which hapned to Fliolmus King of Gothland, who whileſt a Lord of miſrule ruled in his Court, and both he and his ſervants were drunk, in mere merriment, meaning no harm, they took the King and put him in * jeſt into a great veſſel of beere, and drowned him in earneſt. But * one tells us that this ancient and habited vice is amongſt the Dutch of late years much decreaſed: which if it be not, would it were. Sure our Mariners obſerve that as the ſea grows dayly ſhallower and ſhallower on the ſhoars of Holland and Zeland, ſo the channell of late waxeth deeper on the coaſts of Kent and Eſſex. I pray God if drunkenneſſe ebbes in Dutchland, it doth not flow in England, and gain not in the Iland what it loſeth in the Continent. Yea ſome plead, when overwhelm'd with liquour, that their thirſt is but quenched: as well may they ſay, that in Noahs floud the duſt was but ſufficiently allayed.

* *Olaus mag. Hiſt. ſeptent. p. 531.*
* *Verſteg. reſtitut. of decaid intellig. p. 53.*

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*Liv. lib. 27.

Gaming is another art he ſtudies much: an enticing witch, that hath cauſed the ruine of many. *Hanniball ſaid of Marcellus, that *nec bonam nec malam fortunam ferre poteſt*, he could be quiet neither conquerour nor conquered; thus ſuch is the itch of play, that Gameſters neither winning nor loſing can reſt contented. One propounded this queſtion, Whether men in ſhips on ſea were to be accounted among the living or the dead, becauſe there were but few inches betwixt them and drowning. The ſame ſcruple may be made of great Gameſters, though their eſtates be never ſo great, whether they are to be eſteemed poore or rich, there being but a few caſts at dice betwixt a Gentleman (in great game) and a begger. Our Gallant games deeply, and makes no doubt in conſcience to adventure Advouſands, Patronages, and Church-livings in gaming. He might call to mind Sr Miles Pateridge, who (as the Souldiers caſt lots for Chriſt his coat) plaid at dice for* Jeſus bells with King Henry the eighth, & wonne them of him. Thus he brought the bells to ring in his pocket, but the ropes afterwards catch'd about his neck, and for ſome offenſes he was hang'd in the dayes of King Edward the ſixth.

**These were foure bells the greateſt in London hanging in a fair Tower in Pauls Churchyard, Stowes Survey of London, pag. 357.*

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Then firſt he ſells the outworks of his ſtate, ſome ſtragling mannour. Nor is he ſenſible of this ſale, which makes his means more entire, as counting the gathering of ſuch ſcattering rents rather burdenſome then profitable. This he ſells at half the value, ſo that the feathers will buy the gooſe, and the wood will pay for the ground: with this money if he ſtops the hole to one Creditour, by his prodigality he preſently opens a wider gappe to another.

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By this time the long dormant Uſurer ramps for the payment of his money. The Principall, the grandmother, and the Uſe, the daughter, and the Uſe upon uſe, the grandchild, and perchance a generation farther, hath ſwell'd the debt to an incredible ſumme, for the ſatisfying whereof

whereof our Gallant ſells the moity of his eſtate.

Having ſold half his land he abates nothing of his expenſes: 13
but thinks five hundred pounds a yeare will be enough to maintain that for which a thouſand pound was too little. He will not ſtoop till he falls, nor leſſen his kennell of dogs, till with Acteon he be eaten up with his own hounds.

Being about to ſink he catcheth at every ruſh to ſave himſelf. 14
Perchance ſometimes he ſnatcheth at the thiſtle of a project, which firſt pricks his hands, and then breaks. Herein it may be he adventured on a matter wherein he had no skill himſelf (hoping by letting the Commonwealth bloud to fill up his own veins again) and therefore trades with his partners brains, as his partner with his purſe, till both miſcarry together: or elſe it may be he catcheth hold on the heel of another man, who is in as dangerous a caſe as himſelf, and they embracing each other in mutuall bands haſten their drowning together. His laſt mannour he ſells twice, to a countrey-Gentleman, and a London-uſurer, though the laſt, as having the firſt title, prevails to poſſeſſe it: Uſurers herein being like unto Foxes; they ſeldome take pains to digge any holes themſelves, but earth in that which the fooliſh Badger made for them, and dwell in the mannours and fair houſes which others have built and provided.

Having loſt his own legs, he relyes on the ſtaff of his kinred; 15
firſt viſiting them as an intermitting ague, but afterwards turns a quotidian, wearing their threſholds as bare as his own coat. At laſt he is as welcome as a ſtorm; he that is abroad ſhelters himſelf from it, and he that is at home ſhuts the doore. If he intrudes himſelf, yet ſome with their jeering tongues give him many a gird, but his brazen impudence feels nothing; and let him be arm'd on free-coſt with the pot and the pipe, he will give them leave to ſhoot their flouts at him till they be weary. Sometimes he ſadly paceth over the ground he

he ſold, and is on fire with anger with himſelf for his folly, but preſently quencheth it at the next ale-houſe.

16 *Having undone himſelf, he ſets up the trade to undoe others.* If he can but ſcrue himſelf into the acquaintance of a rich heir, he rejoyceth as much at the prize as the Hollanders when they had intercepted the Plate-Fleet. He tutours this young Gamester in vice, leading him a more compendious way to his ruine then poſsibly he could find out of himſelf. And doth not the guide deſerve good wages for his direction?

17 *Perhaps he behaves himſelf ſo baſely that he is degraded*; the ſad and ſolemn Ceremonies whereof we may meet with in old Preſidents: but of them all, in my apprehenſion, none ſhould make deeper impreſsion in an ingenuous ſoul then this one, That at the ſolemn degradation of a Knight for high miſdemeanour, the *King and twelve Knights more did put on mourning garments, as an embleme of ſorrow for this injury to honour, that a man Gentile by birth and bloud, or honoured by a Princes favour, ſhould ſo farre forget not onely himſelf but his Order, as to deſerve ſo ſevere puniſhment.

*Markams Decads of Honour, pag. 76.

18 *His death is as miſerable, as his life hath been vicious.* An Hoſpitall is the height he hopes to be advanced to: But commonly he dies not in ſo charitable a priſon, but ſings his laſt note in a cage. Nor is it impoſsible, but that wanting land of his own he may incroch on the Kings high-way, and there, taking himſelf to be Lord of the ſoyl, ſeiſe on Travellers as Strayes due unto him, and ſo the hangman give him a wreath more then he had in his Armes before. If he dyes at liberty in his pilgrimage betwixt the houſes of his acquaintance, perhaps ſome well-diſpoſed Gentleman may pay for his buriall, and truly mourn at the funerall of an ancient Family. His children, if any, muſt ſeek their fortunes the farther off, becauſe their father found his too ſoon, before

before he had wiſdome to manage them. Within two generations his name is quite forgotten that ever any ſuch was in the place, except ſome Herald in his viſitation paſſe by, and chance to ſpell his broken Arms in a Church-window. And then how weak a thing is Gentry, then which (if it wants virtue) brittle glaſſe is the more laſting monument?

We forbear to give an inſtance of a degenerous Gentleman; would to God the world gave no examples of them. If any pleaſe to look into the forenamed * Valerius Maximus, he ſhall there find the baſe ſon of Scipio Africanus, the conquerour of Hanniball and Africk, ſo ill imitating his father, that for his viciouſnes he received many diſgracefull repulſes from the people of Rome, the fragrant ſmell of his Fathers memory making him to ſtink the more in their noſtrils; yea they forced him to pluck off from his finger a ſignet-ring, whereon the face of his Father was engraven, as counting him unworthy to wear his picture who would not reſemble his virtue.

* *Loco priùs citato.*

Chap. 15.

The Traytour.

A Traitour * works by fraud as a Rebell does by force, and in this reſpect is more dangerous, becauſe there's leſſe ſtock required to ſet him up: Rebellion muſt be managed with many ſwords, Treaſon to his Princes perſon may be with one knife. Generally their ſucceſſe is as bad as their cauſe, being either detected before, defeated in, or puniſhed after their part acted; detected before, either by wilfulneſſe or weakneſſe of thoſe which are privie to it.

* *He is either againſt the Soveraigne Perſon alone, or againſt the State wherein he lives. We deal onely in deſcribing the former, becauſe to character the other, exact skil in the Municipal Laws of that State is required, wherein he is charged of treaſon.*

Maxime 1. *A plotter of Treaſon puts his head into the halter, and the halter into his hand to whom he firſt imparts it.* He oftentimes reveals it, and by making a foot-ſtool of his friends head, climbs up the higher into the Princes favour.

2 *Some mens ſouls are not ſtrong enough, but that a weighty ſecret will work a hole through them.* Theſe rather out of folly then falſeneſſe, unawares let fall words, which are taken up by the judicious eares of ſuch who can ſpell Treaſon by putting together diſtracted ſyllables, and by piecing of broken ſentences. Others have their hearts ſwoln ſo great with hope of what they ſhall get, that their bodyes are too little to hold them, and ſo betray themſelves by threatnings and bluſtring language. Others have cut their throats with their own hands, their own writings, the beſt records, being produced againſt them. And here we muſt know, That

3 *Strong preſumptions ſometimes ſerve for proofs in point of Treaſon*: For it being a deed of darkneſſe, it is madneſſe to look that the Sunne ſhould ſhine at midnight, and to expect evident proof. Should Princes

Princes delay till they did plainly see Treason, they might chance to feel it first. If this *semiplena probatio* lights on a party suspected before, the partie himself is the other part of the proof, and makes it complete. And here the Rack, though Fame-like it be

Tam ficti pravique tenax, quam nuncia veri,

is often used; and the wooden horse hath told strange secrets. But grant it passe undiscovered in the plotting, it is commonly prevented in the practising,

4 *By the Majestie, Innocency, or Valour of the Prince, or his attendants.* Some have been dazeled with the divine beams shining in a Princes face, so that coming to command his life, they could not be masters of their own senses. Innocency hath protected others, and made their enemies relent; and pitie (though a stranger to him for many years before) hath visited a Traitours heart in that very instant. If these fail, a Kings valour hath defended him; it being most true of a King, what Plinie reports of a * lion, in hunting if he be wounded and not killed, he will be sure to eye and kill him that wounded him.

* *Nat. hist. lib. 8. cap. 16.*

5 *Some by flourishing aforehand, have never stricken a blow:* but by warning have armed those to whom they threatned. Thus madde Somervile, coming to kill Queen Elizabeth, by the way (belike to trie whether his sword would cut) quarrelled with and wounded one or two, and therefore was apprehended before he came to the Court.

6 *The palsie of guiltinesse hath made the stoutest Traitours hands to shake, sometimes to misse their mark.* Their conscience sleeping before, is then awakened with this crying sinne. The way seems but short to a Traveller when he views it from the top of an hill, who finds it very long when he comes into the

plain: ſo Treaſon ſurveyed in the heat of bloud, and from the height of paſsion, ſeems eaſie to be effected; which reviewed in cold bloud on even terms, is full of dangers and difficulties. If it ſpeed in the acting, generally it's revenged afterwards: For,

7 *A King though killed is not killed, ſo long as he hath ſonne or ſubject ſurviving.* Many who have thought they have diſcharged the debt, have been broken afterwards with the arrearages. As for journeymen-Traytours who work for others, their wages are ever paid them with an halter; and where one gaineth a garland of bayes, hundreds have had a wreath of hemp.

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The Pazzians conſpiracie.

IN the city of * Florence, being then a Popular State, the honourable familie de-Medices managed all chief affairs, ſo beloved of the people for their bounty, that the honour they had was not extorted by their greatneſſe, but ſeemed due to their goodneſſe. Theſe Mediceans depreſſed the Pazzians, another familie in that State, as big ſet, though not ſo high grown, as the Medicei themſelves, loading them with injuries, and debarring them not onely from Offices in the city, but their own right. The Pazzians, though highly wrong'd, counterfeited much patience, and, which was a wonder, though malice boyled hot in their hearts, yet no ſcumme ran over in their mouthes.

Anno 1478. *April* 26.

The ſumme hereof is taken out of Machiavels Florent. Hiſt lib. 8. *pag.* 407. *& ſequent.*

At laſt, meeting together, they concluded, that ſeeing the Legall way was ſtopp'd with violence, the violent way was become Legall, whereby they muſt right themſelves; and they determined to invite Julian and Laurence Medices, the Governours of the State, to dinner, with Cardinall Raphael Riarius, and there to murther them. The matter was counted eaſie, becauſe theſe two brethren were but one in effect, their heads in a manner ſtanding on the ſame ſhoulders, becauſe they alwayes went together, and were never aſunder. Fifty were privy to this plot; each had his office aſsigned him. Baptiſta Monteſeccius was to kill Laurence, Francis Pazzius and Bernardus Bandinius were to ſet on Julian, whileſt the Archbiſhop of Piſa, one of their allies, was with a band of men to ſeiſe on the Senate-houſe. Cardinall Raphaels company rather then aſsiſtance

was required, being neither to hunt, nor kill, but onely to ſtart the game, and by his preſence to bring the two brothers to the dinner. All appointed the next morning to meet at Maſſe, in the chief Church of S. Reparata.

Here meeting together, all the deſigne was daſh'd: for here they remembred that Julian de Medices never uſed to * dine. This they knew before, but conſidered not till now, as if formerly the vapours ariſing out of their ambitious hearts had clouded their underſtanding. Some adviſed to referre it to another time, which others thought dangerous, conceiving they had ſprung ſo many leaks of ſuſpition, it was impoſsible to ſtop them, and feared, there being ſo many privie to the plot, that if they ſuffered them to conſult with their pillows, their pillows would adviſe them to make much of their heads; wherefore not daring to ſtay the ſeaſonable ripening of their deſigne, they were forced in heat of paſsion to parch it up preſently, and they reſolved to take the matter at the firſt bound, and to commit the murther (they intended at dinner) here in the Church, taking it for granted, the two Mediceans would come to Maſſe, according to their dayly cuſtome.

* *Machiav. diſput. de Repub. lib. 3. cap. 6. pag. 397.*

But changing their ſtage, they were fain alſo to alter their Actours. Monteſeccius would not be employed in the buſineſſe, to ſtain a ſacred place with bloud; and the breaking of this ſtring put their plot quite out of tune. And though Anthony Volateran and Stephen a Prieſt were ſubſtituted in his room, yet theſe two made not one fit perſon; ſo great is the difference betwixt a choice and a ſhift. When the Hoſt was elevated, they were to aſſault them; and the Sacra-

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ment was a ſigne to them, not of Chriſts death paſt, but of a murther they were to commit.

But here again they were at a loſſe. Treaſon, like Pope Adrian, may be choak'd with a flie, and marr'd with the leaſt unexpected caſualtie. Though Laurence was at Church, Julian was abſent. And yet by beating about, they recover'd this again: for Francis Pazzius and Bernard Bandinius going home to his houſe, with complements and courteous diſcourſe brought him to the Church. Then Bandinius with a dagger ſtabb'd him to the heart, ſo that he fell down dead; and Francis Pazzius inſulting over his corps (now no object of valour but cruelty) gave it many wounds, till blinded with revenge, he ſtrook a deep gaſh into his own thigh.

But what was over-meaſure in them, in over-acting their parts, was wanting in Anthony and Stephen, who were to kill Laurence in the Quire. *You.** *Traitour,* ſaid Anthony; and with that Laurence ſtarting back avoided the ſtrength of the blow, and was wounded onely to honour, not danger, and ſo recovered a ſtrong chapell. Thus Malice, which vents it ſelf in threatning, warns men to ſhun it, and like hollow ſinging bullets, flies but halfway to the mark. With as bad ſucceſſe did the Archbiſhop of Piſa ſeiſe on the Senate-houſe, being conquered by the Lords therein aſſembled, and, with many of his Complices, hung out of a window.

The Pazzians now betake themſelves to their laſt refuge which their deſperate courſes had left them. James the chief of their family with one hundred more repair to the market-place, and there crie, *Liberty, Liberty.* A few followed them at firſt,

* *Machiav. diſp. de Repub. lib. 3. cap. 6. pag. 399.*

but the ſnow-ball by rolling did rather melt then gather, and thoſe, who before had ſeen the foul face of their treaſon naked, would not be allured to love it now masked with the pretences of the publick good; and at laſt, the whole ſtrength of the State ſubdued them.

Every tree about the city bare the fruit of mens heads, and limbes: many were put to death with torment, more with ſhame, and onely one Renatus Pazzius with pity, who loved his conſcience better then his kinred, that he would not be active in the conſpiracy; and yet his kinred better then his conſcience, that he would not reveal it; Treaſon being like ſome kind of ſtrong poyſon, which though never taken inwardly by cordiall conſenting unto it, yet kill's by being held in ones hand, and concealing it.

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The Tyrant.

A Tyrant * is one whose list is his law, making his subjects his slaves. Yet that is but a tottering Kingdome which is founded on trembling people, which fear and hate their Sovereigne.

* He is twofold, 1. *In Titulo,* (properly an Usurper. 2. *In Exercitio,* whom we onely describe. *Maxime* 1.

He gets all places of advantage into his own hands: yea he would disarm his subjects of all sythes and pruning hooks, but for fear of a generall rebellion of weeds and thistles in the land.

2

He takes the Laws at the first, rather by undermining then assault: And therefore to do unjustly with the more justice, he counterfeits a legalitie in all his proceedings, and will not butcher a man without a Statute for it.

3

Afterwards he rageth freely in innocent bloud. Is any man vertuous? then he is a Traytour, and let him die for it, who durst presume to be good when his Prince is bad. Is he beloved? he is a rebell, hath proclaimed himself King, and reignes already in peoples affections, it must cost him his life. Is he of kinne to the Crown, though so farre off that his alliance is scarce to be derived? all the veins of his body must be dreined, and emptyed to find there and fetch thence that dangerous drop of royall bloud. And thus having taken the prime men away, the rest are easily subdued. In all these particulars Machiavell is his onely Confessour, who in his Prince seems to him to resolve all these cases of conscience to be very lawfull.

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Worst men are his greatest favourites. He keeps a constant kennel of blood-hounds to accuse whom he pleaseth. These will depose more then any can suppose, not sticking to swear that they heard fishes speak,

ſpeak, and ſaw through a mil-ſtone at mid-night: theſe fear not to forſwear, but fear they ſhall not forſwear enough, to cleave the pinne and do the deed. The leſſe credit they have, the more they are believed, and their very accuſation is held a proof.

5 *He leaves nothing that his poore ſubjects can call their own but their miſeries.* And as in the Weſt-Indies thouſands of kine are killed for their tallow alone, and their fleſh caſt away: ſo many men are murdered merely for their wealth, that other men may make mummey of the fat of their eſtates.

6 *He counts men in miſerie the moſt melodious inſtruments:* Eſpecially if they be well tuned and play'd upon by cunning Muſicians, who are artificiall in tormenting them, the more the merrier, and if he hath a ſet, and full conſort of ſuch tortur'd miſerable ſouls, he danceth moſt cheerfully at the pleaſant dittie of their dying grones. He loves not to be prodigall of mens lives, but thriftily improves the objects of his cruelty, ſpending them by degrees, and epicurizing on their pain: So that as Philoxenus wiſhed a cranes throat, he could deſire aſſes eares, the longer to entertain their hydeous and miſerable roaring. Thus Nature had not racks enough for men (the Colick, Gout, Stone, &c.) but Art muſt adde to them, and devils in fleſh antedate hell here in inventing torments; which when inflicted on malefactours, extort pitie fom merciſull beholders, (and make them give what is not due) but when uſed by Tyrants on innocent people, ſuch tender hearts as ſtand by ſuffer what they ſee, and by the proxie of ſympathy feel what they behold.

7 *He ſeeks to ſuppreſſe all memorialls and writings of his actions*: And as wicked Tereus after he had raviſhed Philomela cut out her tongue; ſo when Tyrants have

have wronged and abuſed the times they live in, they endeavour to make them ſpeechleſſe to tell no tales to poſterity. Herein their folly is more to be admired then their malice, for learning can never be dreined dry: though it may be dambd up for one Age, yet it will break over; and Hiſtorians pens, being long kept faſting, will afterwards feed more greedily on the memories of Tyrants, and deſcribe them to the full. Yea, I believe their ink hath made ſome Tyrants blacker then they were in their true complexion.

7 *At laſt he is haunted with the terrours of his own conſcience.* If any two do but whiſper together (whatſoever the Propoſitions be) he conceives their diſcourſe concludes againſt him. Company and ſolitarineſſe are equally dreadfull unto him, being never ſafe; and he wants a Guard to guard him from his Guard, and ſo proceeds *in infinitum.* * The Scouts of Charles Duke of Burgundy brought him news that the French army was hard by, being nothing elſe but a field full of high thiſtles, whoſe tops they miſtook for ſo many ſpears: On leſſer ground this Tyrant conceives greater fears. Thus in vain doth he ſeek to fence himſelf from without, whoſe foe is within him.

* *Comineus Comment. lib. 1. juxta finem*

8 *He is glad to patch up a bad nights ſleep, out of pieces of ſlumber.* They ſeldome ſleep ſoundly, who have bloud for their bolſter. His phanſie preſents him with ſtrange maſques, wherein onely Fiends and Furies are actours. The fright awakes him, and he is no ſooner glad that it was a dream, but fears it is propheticall.

9 *In vain he courts the friendſhip of forrein Princes.* They defie his amity, and will not joyn their clean hands with his bloudy ones. Sometimes to ingratiate himſelf he doth ſome good acts, but virtue becomes him worſe then vice, for all know he counter-

counterfeits it for his own ends.

Having lived in other mens bloud, he dies commonly in his own. He had his will all his life, but seldome makes his Testament at his death, being suddenly taken away either by a private hand, or a publick insurrection. It is observed of the camell that it lies quietly down till it hath its full load, and then riseth up. But this *Vulgus* is a kind of beast, which riseth up sooneſt when it is overladen; immoderate cruelty causing it to rebell. Yet *Fero* is a fitter motto then *Ferio* for Christians in their carriage towards lawfull Authoritie, though unlawfully used.

We will give a double example of a Tyrant: the one an absolute Sovereigne, the other a Substitute or Vice-roy under an absolute Prince.

Chap. 18.

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The life of Andronicus.

ANdronicus Comnenus, * deſcended of the Grecian Emperiall bloud, was a Prince moſt vicious in his life, and perfidious in his dealing, and for his ſeverall offenſes, after long baniſhment, was at length by Emmanuel the Grecian Emperour, his kinſman, confined to a private city in Paphlagonia.

* *The ſumme of this chapter is taken out of Nicetas Choniates his Annalls lib. 1. & 2. of Andronic. Comnenus.*

Here Andronicus hugg'd himſelf in his privacie, though all that time he did but levell, and take aim, intending at laſt to ſhoot at the Empire, though for a while he lay very ſtill, and with the Hedgehog ſeemingly dead, he rounded himſelf up in his own prickles without any motion.

Leave we him there, and come to behold the face of the Grecian Empire, which preſents us with all the Symptomes of a dying State. Emmanuell being dead Alexius his ſonne ſucceeds him, a Minor of twelve years of age, wanting wit to guide himſelf, and his friends care to govern him. Xena the Mother-Empreſſe wholly given to her pleaſures, with her minion Alexius Protoſebaſtus, who ruled all in the State. The Nobility factious, ſnatching what they could get, and counting violent poſſeſsion the beſt and onely title. The people of Conſtantinople valiant onely to make mutinies on every occaſion, in confuſed multitudes, without any Martiall diſcipline; as who could expect that a rolling ſnow-ball ſhould have any curious faſhion?

Andronicus, hearing of theſe miſdemeanours, found that opportunity courted him to procure the Empire for himſelf. Wherefore he remonſtrates to the whole world the great grief he conceived at theſe diſorders: For though patience had made him paſt feeling of any

private injuries offered to himself, yet he must be stark dead indeed, if he were not moved with these generall miseries of the Empire. He being a Prince of the bloud could not without grief behold how Xena the Empresse, and Protosebastus had conspired to abuse the tender age of young Alexius, so to draw all dominion to themselves; and who kowing that their strength consisted in the young Emperours weakenesse, intended so to breed him, that in point of judgement he should never be of age, and onely *able in pleasures*. Whereupon Andronicus resolved to free his young kinsman, and the Empire from this thraldome. Treason is so uggly in her self, that every one that sees it will cast stones at it, which makes her seldome appear but with a borrowed face, for the good of the Commonwealth; but especially when ambition hath caught hold on pretended religion, how fast will it climbe?

Andronicus with an army of Paphlagonians marched to Constantinople, in which city he had a great party on his side, Maria Cesariſſa, half sister to the Emperour, with her husband, and many other good Patriots, which bemoaned the distempers in the State, applying themselves to Andronicus for help, counting a bad physician better then none at all. Besides, there were in the city many turbulent spirits, desirous of alterations, as profitable unto them, counting themselves the petty-Landlords of the times, to whom rich fines and herriots would accrue upon every exchange, and all those took part with Andronicus.

Many more did Andronicus winne to his party by his cunning behaviour, for he could speak both eloquently and religiously. He would ordinarily talk Scripture-language (often fouly misapplyed) as if his memory were a Concordance of the whole Bible, but especially of S. Pauls Epistles, which he had by heart. Besides, no man had better command of rain and sunshine

ſunſhine in his face, to ſmile and weep at pleaſure: his tears flowed at will, which caught the affections of many, though others, better acquainted with his tricks, no more pitied his weeping, then they bemoaned the moiſt dropping of ſtone walls againſt rainy weather.

Small reſiſtance was made againſt him, onely ſome ſeemed to fight againſt him in complement, ſo that with eaſe he made himſelf maſter of Conſtantinople, and not long after he cauſed Xena the Empreſſe to be choked, the eyes of whoſe Favourite Protoſebaſtus he had formerly bored out.

The next care of Andronicus was to cut off all thoſe ſteps by which he had aſcended to this height, leſt leaving thoſe ſtairs ſtill ſtanding, others alſo might climbe up the ſame way. All thoſe friends who had aſsiſted him in this his deſigne, he rewarded with death: yea though at firſt his cruelty might ſeem to ſhoot at a mark, in taking of ſome prime men, for whoſe death ſome reaſon might be rendred, his malice afterwards ſhot at rovers, as if he had a quarrell at mankind, killing all he came near. When any party accuſed recriminated the accuſer, the ſword of Andronicus cut on both ſides; the accuſer and accuſed were ſent the ſame way, and what cup one began, the other was made to pledge. Thoſe Sycophants which ingratiated themſelves with him, eſcaped no better then others, it being equally dangerous to pleaſe and diſpleaſe him. Men met every where with his cruelty, but no where with the reaſons thereof. But who can expect other reaſons of Tyrants actions, but that they are Tyrants actions?

But his dealing with young Alexius the Emperour (whoſe death was methodically contrived with ſome politick pauſes) deſerves obſervation. At firſt entrance into the city, Andronicus obſerved his awfull diſtance towards the Emperour, teaching others that

the minority of Princes ought not to leſſen their Subjects reverence unto them. Afterwards, he emboldned himſelf to make his nearer approches, chalenging in young Alexius that intereſt which carefull tutours claim in thoſe whoſe protection they tender. Hence he proceeded to ſet a guard about him, not to defend but watch him, and to guard him from his friends; who, though allowed to follow his ſports in hunting, was indeed made ſport of himſelf, and the hunter kept in a net. Then Andronicus was forced by his friends importunity (whom he himſelf had ſecretly importun'd) to be elected joynt-Emperour with Alexius, and with much unwillingneſſe this great diſſembler (who could have taught Tiberius craft, and Nero cruelty) was driven up the Emperiall throne. Next day in all publick Edicts the name of Andronicus was ſet before Alexius, it ſeeming prepoſterous that a child ſhould be preferred before ſo ſage and grave a man.

Hitherto the life of Alexius was profitable to Andronicus, but now his death would be more behooffull. Wherefore Andronicus counting it cumberſome now any longer to wear a cloke in the ſunſhine and heat of his happineſſe, abandoned all uſeleſſe diſſembling, and appear'd like himſelf. The next news we heare of Alexius, is that his neck is broken with a
1181 bowſtring by command from Andronicus; his body was ſpurn'd and abuſ'd, a hole bored in his ear with a ſpit, his head cut off, and ſhamefully dealt with, his body caſt into the ſea, with many more cruell outrages, as much againſt policie as piety, and not onely needleſſe, but ſcandalous to Andronicus. Thus Tyrants, having once given the rains to their cruelty, are not able to ſtop themſelves.

But this innocent bloud cryed to God for revenge, and obtained it. Next yeare Iſaacius Angelus was choſen Emperour by the people, and Andronicus chaſed

chaſed out of the city and purſued after. Andronicus got into a ſhip, and had conveyed himſelf away, had not the winds and the waves (as if knowing him though diſguiſ'd) refuſed to be acceſſary to his eſcape, and beaten him back again, till he was taken by his purſuers. Being carried into the preſence of Iſaacius the new Emperour, he there was beaten, ſpurn'd, kick'd on, and had an arm cut off, and an eye bored out. But all this was mercy, in reſpect of what he next day ſuffered by the raſcall multitude, being carried on a ſcabb'd Camell thorow Conſtantinople, happy he that could do moſt unhappineſſe unto him: all ſorts of people ſought to miſchief him, throwing that upon him, in compariſon whereof that which runneth in the channell may be counted roſewater. Thus orphanes thought to revenge the death of their fathers, widows of their husbands: one ran him thorow with a ſpit, another threw ſcalding water in his face. At laſt he could hardly die, being hang'd up by the feet betwixt two pillars after a thouſand abuſes offer'd unto him.

It may ſeem miraculous how his body could make room for all their blows, or that he ſo old a man could find ſo many lives for their cruelty, were it not that paſsing with ſome ſpeed thorow the city, few had their full blows at him; and they were ſomewhat mannerly in their revenge, in that they would not take all to themſelves, but leave ſome to others. And indeed after long throwing of dirt upon him, their darts became his ſhield, being ſo covered over with the filth, that the mire kept him from the mire.

All which time he brake not out into any impatience, but ſtill cryed, *Lord have mercy upon me*, and, *Why break you a bruiſed reed?* and bore all with an invincible quietneſſe of mind. Surely God meaſured unto him a time of repentance by a large houreglaſſe; and haply (it were tyranny to think otherwiſe of the worſt Tyrant) the tempeſt of the peoples fury might drive his

soul to the best * shelter, the mercy of the God of heaven. It is a good signe when one hath his hell in this world, and true repentance is never too late. As for those that hold repentance on the death-bed unprofitable, by this their tenet they would make heaven very empty, and yet never a whit the more room therein for the maintainers of so uncharitable an opinion.

* *See how charitably Drexelius is opinion'd of him in his book de Æternitate, Consider. 5. Sect. 3.*

Andronicus reigned two years, having a beautifull aspect, and majestick stature, almost ten foot high, of a strong constitution, advantaged by the temperateness of his diet. In all his life time he took but one antidote, and never purged but once, and then the Physick found no obnoxious humour to work upon, so healthfull was his temper. His death happened *Anno Dom.* 1183.

CHAP. 19.

FERDINAND Alvarez *de Toledo* Duke *of* Alva, *Viceroy of the* Netherlands *under* Philip *the* 2^d. *He dyed in* Portugall *Anno Dñi* 1582. *in the* 75. *yeare of his Age.*
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Chap. 19.

The life of Duke D'Alva.

FErdinand Alvarez de Toledo, Duke of Alva, one bred abroad in the world in ſeverall warres (whom Charles the fifth more employed, then affected, uſing his churliſh nature to hew knotty ſervice) was by Philip the ſecond, King of Spain, appointed Governour of the Netherlands.

At his firſt arrivall there, the loyalty of the Netherlanders to the King of Spain was rather out of joint, then

then broken off, as not being weary of his government but their own grievances. The wound was rather painfull then deadly, onely the skirts of their lungs were tainted, ſending out diſcontented not rebellious breath, much regretting that their Priviledges, Civil and Eccleſiaſticall, were infringed, and they grinded with exactions againſt their Laws and Liberties.

But now Duke D'Alva coming amongſt them, he intended to cancell all their charters with his ſword, and to reduce them to abſolute obedience. And whereas every city was fenced not onely with ſeverall walls, but different locall liberties, and municipall immunities, he meant to lay all their priviledges levell, and caſting them into a flat to ſtretch a line of abſolute command over them. He accounted them a Nation rather ſtubborn then valiant, and that not from ſtoutneſſe of nature, but want of correction, through the long indulgence of their late Governours. He ſecretly accuſed Margaret Dutcheſſe of Parma, the laſt Governeſſe, for too much gentleneſſe towards them, as if ſhe meant to cure a gangren'd arm with a lenitive plaiſter, & affirmed that a Ladies hands were too ſoft to pluck up ſuch thiſtles by the root. Wherefore the ſaid Dutcheſſe, ſoon after D'Alva's arrivall (counting it leſſe ſhame to ſet, then to be outſhin'd) petitioned to reſigne her regencie, and return'd into Italie.

Ann. Dom. 1568.

To welcome the Duke at his entrance, he was entertain'd with prodigies and monſtrous * births, which hapned in ſundry places; as if Nature on ſet purpoſe miſtook her mark, and made her hand to ſwerve, that ſhe might ſhoot a warning-piece to theſe countreys, and give them a watch-word of the future calamities they were to expect. The Duke, nothing moved hereat, proceeds to effect his project, and firſt ſets up the *Counſell of troubles*, conſiſting of twelve, the Duke being the Preſident. And this Counſell was to order all things in an arbitrary way, without any appeal from

* *Famianus Stra. de Bello Belgico, p. 43°.*

from them. Of these twelve some were strangers, such as should not sympathize with the miseries of the countrey; others were upstarts, men of no bloud, and therefore most bloudy; who being themselves grown up in a day, cared not how many they cut down in an houre. And now rather to give some colour, then any virtue to this new composition of counsellours, foure Dutch Lords were mingled with them, that the native Nobility might not seem wholly neglected. Castles were built in every city to bridle the inhabitants, and Garisons put into them. New Bishops Seas erected in severall cities, and the Inquisition brought into the countrey. This Inquisition, first invented against the Moores, as a trappe to catch vermine, was afterwards used as a snare to catch sheep, yea they made it heresie for to be rich. And though all these proceedings were contrary to the solemn oath King Philip had taken, yet the Pope (who onely keeps an *Oath-office*, and takes power to dispence with mens consciences) granted him a faculty to set him free from his promise.

Sure as some adventurous Physicians, when they are posed with a mungrell disease, drive it on set purpose into a fever, that so knowing the kind of the maladie they may the better apply the cure: So Duke D'Alva was minded by his cruell usage to force their discontents into open rebellion, hoping the better to come to quench the fire when it blazed out, then when it smok'd and smother'd.

And now to frighten the rest, with a subtle train he seiseth on the Earls of Egmond and Horn. These counted themselves armed with innocencie and desert, having performed most excellent service for the King of Spain. But when subjects deserts are above their Princes requitall, oftentimes they study not so much to pay their debts, as to make away their creditours. All these victories could not excuse them, nor the laurel wreaths on their heads keep their necks from the ax, and the rather, because their eyes must first be

closed up, which would never have patiently beheld the enslaving of their countrey. The French Embassadour was at their execution, and wrote to his Master Charles the ninth, King of France, concerning the Earl of Egmond, * *That he saw that head struck off in the Market-place of Brussels, whose valour had twice made France to shake.*

* *Fam. Strad. de bell. Belgico, pag. 449.*

This Counsell of troubles having once tasted Noble bloud, drank their belly-fulls afterwards. Then descending to inferiour persons by apprehensions, executions, confiscations, and banishments, they raged on mens lives and states. Such as upon the vain hope of pardon returned to their houses, were apprehended, and executed by fire, water, gibbets, and the sword, and other kinds of deaths and torments: yea the bodyes of the dead (on whom the earth as their common mother bestowed a grave for a childs portion) were cast out of their * tombes by the Dukes command, whose cruelty outstunk the noysomnesse of their carcases.

* *Grimst. Hist. of the Netherlands, pag. 413.*

And lest the maintaining of Garisons might be burdensome to the King his Master, he laid heavy impositions on the people: the Duke affirming that these countreys were fat enough to be stewed in their own liquour, & that the Souldiers here might be maintained by the profits arising hence; yea he boasted that he had found the mines of Peru in the Low-countreys, though the digging of them out never quitted the cost. He demanded the hundredth peny of all their moveable and immoveable goods, and besides that, the tenth peny of their moveable goods that should be bought and sold, with the twentieth peny of their immoveable goods; without any mention of any time, how long those taxes and exactions should continue.

The States protested against the injustice hereof, alledging that all trading would be press'd to death under the weight of this taxation: weaving of stuffs (their staple trade) would soon decay, and their shut-

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tles would be very ſlow, having ſo heavy a clog hanging on them; yea hereby the ſame commodity muſt pay a new tole at every paſſage into a new trade. This would diſhearten all induſtry, and make lazineſſe and painfulneſſe both of a rate, when beggery was the reward of both, by reaſon of this heavy impoſition, which made men pay dear for the ſweat of their own brows. And yet the weight did not grieve them ſo much, as the hand which laid it on, being impoſ'd by a forein power againſt their ancient priviledge. Hereupon many Netherlanders, finding their own countrey too hot, becauſe of intolerable taxes, ſought out a more temperate climate, and fled over into England.

As for ſuch as ſtayed behind, their hearts being brimfull before with diſcontents, now ran over. 'Tis plain theſe warres had their originall, not out of the Church, but the State-houſe. Liberty was true doctrine to Papiſt and Proteſtant, Jew and Chriſtian. It is probable that in Noahs Ark the wolf agreed with the lambe, and that all creatures drowned their antipathy, whileſt all were in danger of drowning. Thus all ſeverall religions made up one Commonwealth to oppoſe the Spaniard: and they thought it high time for the Cow to find her horns, when others not content to milk her, went about to cut off her bag.

It was a rare happineſſe that ſo many ſhould meet in one chief, William of Naſſaw, Prince of Orange, whom they choſe their Governour. Yea he met their affections more then half way in his loving behaviour; ſo that Alva's cruelty did not drive more from him, then Naſſaw's courteſie invited to him. His popular nature was of ſuch receipt, that he had room to lodge all comers. In peoples eyes his light ſhined bright, yet dazled none, all having free acceſſe unto him: every one was as well pleaſed as if he had been Prince himſelf, becauſe he might be ſo familiar with the Prince. He was wont to content thoſe, who re-

proved his too much humanity, with this saying,* *That man is cheap bought, who costs but a salutation.*

*Barcl. Icon. Anim. cap. 5.

I report the Reader to the Belgian Histories, where he may see the changes of warre betwixt these two sides. We will onely observe that Duke D'Alva's covetousnesse was above his policy in fencing the rich inland and neglecting the barren maritime places. He onely look'd on the broad gates of the countrey whereby it openeth to the continent of Germany and France, whilest in the mean time almost half the Netherlands ran out at the postern doore towards the sea. Nassaw's side then wounded Achilles in the heel indeed, and touch'd the Spaniard to the quick, when on Palm-sunday (as if the day promised victory) at Brill they took the first livery and seasin of the land, and got soon after most cities towards the sea. Had Alva herein prevented him, probably he had made those Provinces as low in subjection as situation.

Now at last he began to be sensible of his errour, and grew weary of his command, desiring to hold that staff no longer, which he perceived he had taken by the wrong end. He saw that going about to bridle the Netherlanders with building of castles in many places, they had gotten the bit into their own teeth: He saw that warre was not quickly to be hunted out of that countrey, where it had taken covert in a wood of cities: He saw the cost of some one cities siege would pave the streets thereof with silver, each city, fort, and sconce being a Gordian knot, which would make Alexanders sword turn edge before he could cut thorow it, so that this warre and the world were likely to end together, these Netherlands being like the head-block in the chimney, where the fire of warre is alwayes kept in (though out every where else) never quite quench'd though rak'd up sometimes in the ashes of a truce. Besides, he saw that the subdued part of the Netherlands obeyed more for fear then love, and their

their loyalty did rather lie in the Spaniſh Gariſons, then their own hearts, and that in their ſighes they breathed many a proſperous gale to Naſſaw's party: Laſtly, he ſaw that forrein Princes, having the Spaniards greatneſſe in ſuſpicion, deſired he might long be digeſting this break-faſt, leſt he ſhould make his dinner on them, both France and England counting the Low-countreys their outworks to defend their walls: wherefore he petitioned the King of Spain his Maſter to call him home from this unprofitable ſervice.

Then was he called home, and lived ſome years after in Spain, being well reſpected of the King, and employed by him in conquering Portugall, contrary to the expectation of moſt, who look'd that the Kings diſpleaſure would fall heavy on him, for cauſing by his cruelty the defection of ſo many countreys; yet the King favourably reflected on him, perchance to fruſtrate on purpoſe the hopes of many, and to ſhew that Kings affections will not tread in the beaten path of vulgar expectation: or ſeeing that the Dukes life and ſtate could amount to poore ſatisfaction for his own loſſes, he thought it more Princely to remit the whole, then to be revenged but in part: or laſtly, becauſe he would not meaſure his ſervants loyalty by the ſucceſſe, and lay the unexpected rubs in the allie to the bowlers fault, who took good aim though miſsing the mark. This led many to believe that Alva onely acted the Kings will, and not willed his acts, following the inſtructions he received, and rather going beyond then againſt his Commiſsion.

However moſt barbarous was his cruelty. He bragg'd as he ſate at dinner (and was it not a good grace after meat) that he had cauſed eighteen thouſand to be executed by the ordinary miniſter of juſtice within the ſpace of ſix years, beſides an infinite more murthered by other tyrannous means. Yea ſome men he killed many times, giving order to the executioners to

pronounce each ſyllable of torment long upon them, that the thred of their life might not be cut off but unravell'd, as counting it no pain for men to die, except they dyed with pain; witneſſe Anthony Utenhow, whom he cauſed to be tied to a ſtake with a chain in * Bruſſells, compaſsing him about with a great fire, but not touching him, turning him round about like a poore beaſt, who was forced to live in that great torment and extremity, roaſting before the fire ſo long, untill the Halberdiers themſelves, having compaſsion on him, thruſt him through, contrary to the will both of the Duke and the Spaniſh Prieſts.

* *Grimſt. Hiſt. of the Netherlands, pag. 411.*

When the city of Harlem ſurrendred themſelves unto him on condition to have their lives, he ſuffered ſome of the Souldiers and Burgers thereof to be ſtarved to death, ſaying that *though he promiſed to give them their lives, he did not promiſe to find them meat.* The Netherlanders uſed to fright their children with telling them, Duke D'Alva was coming; and no wonder if children were ſcared with him, of whom their fathers were afraid.

He was one of a lean body and viſage, as if his eager ſoul, biting for anger at the clog of his body, deſired to fret a paſſage through it. He had this humour, that he neglected the good counſel of others, eſpecially if given him before he ask'd it, and had rather ſtumble then beware of a block of another mans telling.

But as his life was a miroir of cruelty, ſo was his death of Gods patience. It was admirable, that his tragicall acts ſhould have a comicall end; that he that ſent ſo many to the grave, ſhould go to his own, & die in peace. But Gods juſtice on offenders goes not alwayes in the ſame path, nor the ſame pace: And he is not pardoned for the fault, who is for a while reprived from the puniſhment; yea ſometimes the gueſt in the inne goes quietly to bed, before the reckoning for his ſupper is brought to him to diſcharge.

FINIS.